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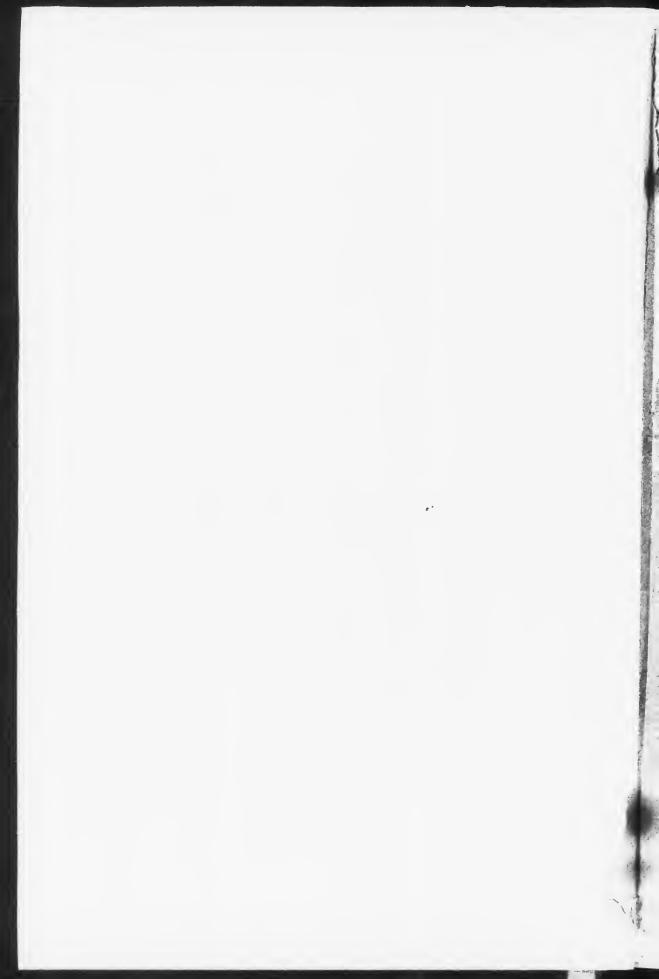
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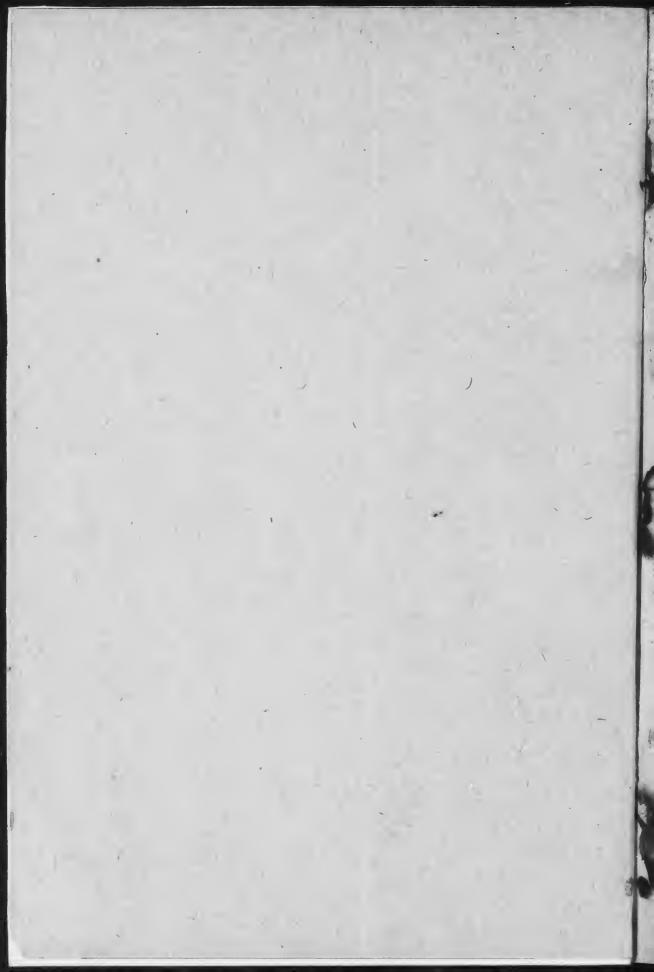
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- J. L. MILLS-Miller's Clerical Habits and Manners.

Merrill's Doctrinal Aspects of Christian Experience.

S. B. SOUTHERLAND—Constitution and Discipline of the M. P. Church.

First Year's Class

T. H. LEWIS-Fisher's Manual of Christian Evidences.

Miley's Theology, Vol. I. to page 155.

D. L. GREENFIELD-Broadus' Preparation and Delivery of Sermons.

A written sermon submitted February 1st.

- J. M. HOLMES-Nicholl's Help to the Study of the Bible.
- J. W. GRAY-Drinkhouse's History of Methodist Reform, Vol. I.

Students-G. E. Brown, B. A. Bryan, F. M. Clift, W. B. Elliott, G. I. Humphreys, J. E. Litsinger, G. F. Norris and E. E. Parsons.

Seminarians prepare and forward theses on "The Existence of God", on or before February 1st, 1905.

Second Year's Class

- H. C. CUSHING-Miley's Theology, Vol. I. page 155 to end.
- S. B. TREADWAY—Barrow's Sacred Geography and Antiquities.
- W. M. STRAYER-Fisher's Church History. (Complete).
- J. E. MALOY-Drinkhouse's History of Methodist Reform, Vol. II.
- D. L. GREENFIELD—A written sermon submitted February 1st.

Students—P. W. Crosby, D. M. Dibble, F. P. Krauss, G. J. Hooker, Clayborne Phillips and R. L. Shipley.

Seminarians prepare and forward theses on "Native Depravity", on or before February 1st, 1905.

Third Year's Class

- H. C. CUSHING-Miley's Theology, Vol. II. A written sermon submitted by January 1st.
- J. S. BOWERS—Foster's Supernatural Book.
- A. W. MATHER-Miller's Christian Ministry.

The following books are to be read by the class and a written Syllabus presented to the examiners at the time indicated:

- H. C. CUSHING-Vincent's Modern Sunday School, submitted August 1st.
- J. S. BOWERS-Peck's The Revival and the Pastor, submitted November 1st.
- A. W. MATHER—Buckley's Theory and Practice of Extemporaneous Preaching, submitted February 1st.

Students-E. H. Jones and C. R. Strausburg.

Seminarians prepare and forward theses on "The Atonement", on or before February 1st, 1905.

Graduates from Westminster Theological Seminary shall not be examined in any of the studies of this course except in Hebrew and Greek; but such students shall present each year theses on theological subjects to be appointed by the examiners in Systematic Theology.

All students who desire to be examined in Hebrew and Greek will appear before H. L. ELDERDICE in Hebrew. 1st year, Ruth; 2nd year, Malachi; 3rd year, Jonah. J. J. MURRAY and J. T. LASSELL, Associate, in Greek, 1 John 3: 1-8; Revelations 11: 15-18.

S. B. Southerland will deliver a lecture on the Practice and Theory, of our Church Government and every student is required to attend this lecture and examination, and also to answer the question: "Have you spent a portion of each day in private study of the Word and in prayer?"

The faculty meets Tuesday before conference at 10.00 a.m., to examine students, and at 7:30 p. m., for business.

Correct answers to two-thirds of the questions asked will be required to pass a candidate either for reception on trial or into any class of the course, or for orders. Two-thirds will be marked 70. All questions answered, or less three, will be marked 100, and all receiving 100 will be reported to the conference.

S. B. SOUTHERLAND, President.

J. L. MILLS, Secretary.

DEAD ROLL.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day." 2 Tim., iv. 7. 8.

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JOURNAL

FIRST DAY—Wednesday

BALTIMORE, MD., April 6, 1904.

The Maryland Annual Conference convened at 9.00 a.m. to-day in seventy-sixth session in Alnutt Memorial Methodist Protestant Church, Chester and Lombard Sts., Baltimore, Maryland. The president, F. T. Little, called the conference to order and conducted devotional exercises. Hymn 11, "Ye servants of God," was sung the twelfth chapter of Romans was read, after which prayer was offered. S. B. Southerland was called to the chair and the president read his report. (Report A). His character was passed and he resumed the chair.

The roll of the conference was called by the secretary, W. S. Phillips. The names of Edward Jacob Drinkhouse, Adolphus David Melvin and

Hammond Spencer Leas were transferred to the Dead Roll.

J. L. Straughn moved that the time for calling the Dead Roll and holding the Memorial Service be fixed for Sabbath afternoon. J. E. Nicholson offered a substitute motion that the recommendation of the president in his report relative to the Memorial Service be adopted. Substitute motion was lost and the original motion prevailed.

A resolution was offered by E. C. Makosky extending to J. M. Dickey in the loss of his wife, the sympathy of the conference, and was

adopted by a rising vote. (Resolution 1).

The president at this juncture read the list of the Standing Commit-

tees. (See List).

The order of the day, the conference sermon, having arrived, F. C. Klein moved that the conference take a recess of five minutes. The mo-

tion prevailed.

The time for the conference sermon having arrived, hymn 461, "Jesus, the name high over all," was sung and prayer offered by J. M. Sheridan. The president read the Scripture from John 8:31 37 and I. Timothy 4. Hymn 229, "Blow ye the trumpet, blow," was sung. J. L. Elderdice thereupon preached the conference sermon from John 8:32, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." W. M. Strayer led in prayer, and hymn 97, "Can truth divine fulfilment fail," was sung. The benediction was pronounced by W. M. Strayer.

Afternoon

Promptly at 2:00 p.m. the president called the conference to order. F. P. Krauss was elected conference postmaster and the bar of the house was fixed.

A communication from J. P. Wright, representing a committee appointed by the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, on church union, apprising this conference that the said committee would make a visitation on Thursday morning, was read. Following the suggestion in the letter, on motion of J. J. Murray, the time for receiving the committee was fixed at 10:00 a. m. J. D. Kinzer made a motion which prevailed, that the president of the conference respond to the committee and that any business the committee might present should be considered afterward.

A motion was made that the editor be requested to publish the sermon of the morning in the *Methodist Protestant*. A substitute motion was made authorizing its publication in pamphlet form and that a committee be appointed to have the matter in charge. The substitute obtained and the president appointed F. T. Tagg and S. B. Tredway.

The conference followed the order of the day, the election of officers. The president appointed as tellers, J. W. Balderston, E. C. Makosky, P. B. Myers and G. W. Devilbiss. F. T. Little was elected president on the first ballot. J. H. S. Ewell cast the vote of the conference for W. S. Phillips as secretary. The secretary cast the vote of the conference for the following stewards who shall serve in 1905: Conference, W. N. Sherwood; Church Extension, E. S. Fooks; Superannuate Fund, C. P. Nowlin; Foreign Missions, W. A. Melvin; Home Missions, G. M. Clayton; Education, J. M. Dickey; Our Church Home, L. A. Bennett; Bible and Tract, N. O. Gibson.

The ballot for the Standing District Committee was taken and the

tellers were, on motion, permitted to retire and count the ballot.

The conference proceeded with incidental business. The president made the following appointments for the morning devotional services, and collectors: Thursday, J. L. Nichols; Friday, W. N. Sherwood; Saturday, D. M. Dibble; Monday, Clayborne Phillips; Tuesday, R. L. Shipley; to collect the annual dues for the Superannuate Fund Society, G. J. Hooker; to collect dues for Church Extension Society, C. R. Strausburg; to collect for the sexton, Henry Shafer.

D. L. Greenfield, representing a friend of the Chestertown Church, brought a gift of gold to the oldest member of the conference. Dr. Greenfield requested the president to make the presentation, who with

appropriate remarks delivered the gift to S. B. Southerland.

Papers were, by unanimous consent, referred to the Faculty of Instruction, to the Committee on Church Extension and to the Pulpit Supply Committee.

The report of the Agent of the President's Parsonage was referred

without reading to the Board of Finance. (See Report A).

The report of the Joint Committee of the Baltimore Book Directory was read and adopted. (See Report G).

The report of the Baltimore Book Directory was read and referred to

the Committee on Literature (See Report G).

The report of the Agent of the Twentieth Century Fund was read

and referred to the Committee on Literature. (See Report G).

A communication from Mrs. Pauline B. Woodruff, secretary of the Washington and Alexandria Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, was read and referred to the Committee on Missions. (See Report O).

The report of the secretary of the conference was read, adopted and

referred to the Board of Finance for audit. (Report B).

J D. Kinzer read the report of the Board of Governors of the Theological Seminary which was referred to the Committee on Education.

(See Report N).

On a motion, which obtained, the secretary was instructed to communicate with S. J. Smith, who is detained at home because of the illness of his daughter, and express to him the sympathy of the conference in his affliction.

A resolution with reference to the appointment of members of the Board of Governors of the Westminster Theological Seminary was offered by H. L. Elderdice and adopted. (Resolution 2).

A communication from T. P. Revelle, expressing his regret at his inability to attend the sessions of conference, was read and referred to the

Committee on Fraternal Relations. (See Report L).

F. T. Tagg, for the Committee on John Wesley Day, made a statement that the anniversary of John Wesley's birthday in connection with the Methodist Episcopal Church South, had been observed. The statement was accepted as a report and the committee was discharged.

J. W. Trout moved that the resignation of T. R. Woodford, Conference Steward, be accepted and that W. N. Sherwood be elected to the

office. The motion prevailed.

The conference at this point gave way to the pentecostal service,

conducted by J. M. Brown and A. A. Bichell.

At five o'clock the president resumed the chair and the result of the ballot for the Standing District Committee was announced. The following were declared elected: ministers, J. D. Kinzer, W. S. Hammond, J. L. Straughn; laymen, T. P. Fisher, W. G. Baker, W. B. Usilton.

The conference then adjourned with the benediction by David Wilson.

SECOND DAY—Thursday

The morning devotional exercises were conducted by J. L. Nichols. The president called the conference to order at 9:30 o'clock. The roll-call was dispensed with and the minutes were read and approved.

On motion of J. L. Straughn, the rule was suspended and the roll

was called for depositing reports.

The ballot for the Committee on Appeals was taken and the tellers retired to count the ballot.

A communication from E. H. Van Dyke was read and referred to the Committee on Missions, with the special instruction that the committee extend to him in his affliction, the sympathy of the conference.

The order of the day for receiving the special committee from the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church having arrived, the committee which consisted of Bishop Thomas Bowman, Revs. W. G. Herbert, E. L. Watson, J. St.C. Neal, S. R. Murray and J. P. Wright were, except Bishop Bowman, introduced to the conference. The members of the committee individually addressed the conference, and a copy of the resolution passed by the Baltimore Conference respecting union of the churches was submitted to this conference. The president of the conference responded to the committee. The communication of the committee was on motion of J. J. Murray referred to a special committee. The president appointed J. D. Kinzer, J. M. Sheridan, J. M. Gill, W. G. Baker and T. A. Murray.

Revs. U. S. G. Rupp, F. T. Shudder, W. F. Roberts, L. T. Widerman, G. W. Hobbs, C. C. Douglas, Harry Mitchell, J. A. Anderson and C. Herbert Richardson were introduced to the conference. Dr. G. E. McManiman, secretary of the Board of Home Missions, Dr. C. E. Wilbur, editor of our Sunday school literature, and Dr. McIlvane were also introduced. The time fixed for hearing the general conference officers

and agents was 11:00 a. m., Friday.

The roll of the charges was called and communications were deposi-

ted with the secretary.

On motion of W. M. Strayer, the president was authorized to appoint two assistants for the conference steward. The president appointed C. M. Compher and Clayborne Phillips.

On motion of J. E. Nicholson the conference hours were fixed from

9:00 a. m. to 12:00 m., and from 2:00 p. m. to adjourn at pleasure.

A communication from the secretary of the Board of Home Missions with reference to the Home Mission assessment was read and referred to the Committee on Missions. A further communication from the secretary of the Board of Home Missions with reference to the loan of a minister of this conference was read and referred to the Committee on Fraternal Relations.

Papers, by unanimous consent, referred to the Faculty of Instruction

and to the Board of Finance.

J. D. Kinzer read the report of the Educational Endowment Society, which was adopted. (See Report N). On motion, the secretary cast the vote of the conference for F. T. Benson as a member of the Educational Endowment Society.

A paper with reference to Jackson Grove Assembly and Chautauqua was read by F. T. Tagg, which, on motion, was referred to a special committee of five. The president appointed J. L. Mills, J. L. Straughn,

L. F. Warner, M. A. Davis and T. W. Mather.

The report of the special committe on Mt. Olivet Church Claim was read. The report was adopted, and, on motion, the committee was continued. (Report U).

On a further motion the order of the day for hearing the general conference officers and other agents was rescinded and fixed for 3:00

p. m., Thursday.

C. S. Arnett and W. S. Hammond requested a continuance of their relation for another year. Their request to be left without appointment

was granted.

The result of the ballot for the Committee on Appeals was announced. J. D. Kinzer, W. S. Hammond and W. M. Strayer were elected as the ministers, and J. G. Coleman, T. P. Fisher and W. E.

Sheppard as the laymen of the committee.

Bishop Thomas Bowman, the senior bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a member of the Baltimore Conference Fraternal Committee, was introduced. The time was extended indefinitely and Bishop Bowman addressed the conference. The conference then took the noon recess. The benediction was pronounced by Bishop Bowman.

Afternoon

The conference was called to order by the president at 2:00 p. m. Papers referred to the Church Extension Committee.

A communication from F. H. Mullineaux, who is on a trip to the Holy Land, was read and referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools.

Rev. U. G. Murphy, the president of the Japan Mission Conference,

was introduced to the conference.

There being no business on the secretary's table, F. C. Klein moved that the general agents be heard at this time. The motion prevailed, and G. E. McManiman, secretary of the Board of Home Missions; C. E. Wilbur, editor of the Sunday school literature, and Rev. U. G. Murphy, on behalf of T. J. Ogburn, secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, addressed the conference.

J. D. Kinzer submitted a resolution respecting the expenses of the representatives to the general conference, which was adopted. (Resolution 4). On a further motion, pastors were instructed to forward the assessments for the same to T. R. Woodford, Agent of the Book Concern.

Papers were referred to the Christian Endeavor Committee, Church

Extension Committee and Board of Finance.

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The president at this point addressed the conference with reference to the appointments.

G. W. Haddaway moved that the case of Mrs. A. D. Melvin be referred to the Committee on Superannuates. The motion prevailed.

The Committee on Pulpit Supply read the appointments for Sunday and the report was adopted.

The secretary announced as his assistants, J. H. S. Ewell and J. H.

Straughn.

The hour for the pentecostal service having arrived, the conference gave way to those in charge

At five o'clock the president resumed the chair. On motion, G. A. Morris was excused until Monday.

The conference adjourned with the benediction by J. B. Jones.

THIRD DAY-Friday

The morning devotional exercises were conducted by W. N. Sher wood.

At 9:30 o'clock the president called the conference to order. The conference dispensed with the roll-call. The minutes were read and approved.

An invitation from the Salisbury Church through its delegate was extended the conference to hold its next annual session in that church. The invitation was laid on the table for twenty-four hours.

The list of the committee for reports was called.

A partial report of the faculty was read. On motion the report was taken up by items. Recommendation 1, passing students out of the course; recommendation 2, passing students into the third and second years' classes; recommendation 3, concerning the reception of students, and 4, concerning the ordination of students, were adopted. The report as a whole was then adopted. (Report D).

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance emphasizing the sacredness of the Christian Sabbath and the necessity of its preservation

was read and without discussion adopted. (Report P).

The Committee on Credentials submitted its report. The report was amended to include the delegate from Millville and adopted as amended. (Report Q).

A communication from A. D. Dick, regretting his inability to attend the sessions of conference, was read and referred to the Committee on

Superannuates.

A resolution by R. S. Rowe fixing the time of the next annual

conference was read and laid on the table for twenty four hours.

Another resolution signed by R. S. Rowe and J. D. Kinzer authorizing the secretary to furnish envelopes in the official list for president's salary was offered and adopted.

A communication from Congress StreetQuarterlyConference concerning the assessments on that church was read and referred to the Board of Finance.

Papers were referred to the Church Extension Committee.

A request from the president with reference to licensing students to administer the ordinances was read and referred to the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders.

The conference at this point gave way to the Mutual Relief Associ-

ation.

With the resumption of conference business, on motion of J. D. Kinzer, the name of W. D. Litsinger was referred to the Committee on Superannuates.

Miss Anna L Forest, a missionary to Japan; Rev. J. P. Wilson and

Rev. J. M. Gillam were introduced.

The Committee on Literature submitted a partial report, recommending the loan of T. R. Woodford as Agent of the Book Concern, was read and adopted. (Report G).

Dr. McIlvane, Agent of the Tract Society, and Dr. Widerman, of the

Bible Society, addressed the Conference.

T. R. Woodford, the newly-elected Agent of the Book Concern, addressed the conference in the interest of his office.

The Committee on Statistics submitted a partial report giving the number of church members, and was adopted. (See Statistical Tables).

The time for adjournment was extended and S. B. Southerland, president of the faculty, presented the names of B. A. Bryan, G. I. Humphreys, J. E. Litsinger and E. E. Parsons for admission into the conference on trial. The candidates presented themselves at the bar of the conference and were received by the president.

A supplemental report of the Pulpit Supply Committee was read by

J. W. Kirk and adopted.

The conference thereupon adjourned with the benediction by J. L. Mills.

Afternoon

The afternoon session began at 2:00 o'clock with the president in the chair.

E. S. Fooks offered a resolution with reference to pastors depositing reports at the regular time. The resolution was adopted. (Resolution 7).

The report of Our Church Home was read by the secretary. Dr. J. W. Hering addressed the conference with reference to the excellent management of the home. On motion the report was adopted. (Report Y).

T. H. Lewis, President of Western Maryland College, submitted his report as president of that institution. (See Report N). On motion the report was referred to the Committee on Education. On a further

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motion by W. S. Phillips the order of the day immediately following the session of the Electoral College was fixed for hearing Dr. Lewis with reference to his report.

The conference at this point gave way to the Electoral College.

With the resumption of conference business, G. H. Stocksdale, G. R. Hodge and J. J. Murray were excused from the conference session until Monday.

The order of the day. T. H. Lewis addressed the conference on

behalf of the college.

The report of the Maryland Branch W. F. M. S. was read by the secretary (See Report O) and referred to the Committee on Missions.

An invitation from the ladies of the Conference Guild to a reception to be given the president at his home Thursday evening April 14th was read and on motion was accepted by the conference.

Rev. J. C. Berrien, the Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Education, was introduced and an order of the day fixed for 11:00 a. m., Saturday, to hear his address.

On motion of B. P. Truitt the conference took a recess of ten min-

utes, at the expiration of which the pentecostal service began.

At five o'clock conference adjourned with benediction by H. C. Cushing.

FOURTH DAY—Saturday

The morning prayer service was conducted by D. M. Dibble.

The president called the conference to order at 9:40 o'clock. The roll-call was dispensed with. The minutes were read and approved.

The name of the alternate from Williamsport was substituted for the delegate. The delegate from Fairfax having suffered an accident, the secretary was instructed to extend to him the sympathy of the conference and the name of the alternate was substituted on the roll.

The roll of committees was called.

The Fenwick Island Camp-meeting Committee submitted its report stating the existence of favorable conditions. The report was adopted. (Report X).

Papers were referred to the Faculty of Instruction, and to the Com-

mittee on Church Extension.

A letter from G. D. Edmondston was read and his request for the

continuance of his relation as a supernumerary was granted.

The resolution fixing the time of the next annual conference for the first Wednesday in April, 1905, was taken from the table and adopted. (Resolution 5).

The invitation from the Salisbury Church for the next annual conference was also taken from the table. The invitation was accepted.

A resolution was offered by E. S. Fooks with reference to the pastors giving checks for the conference benevolences. The preamble concerning mistakes which arise in handling currency was stricken out. The resolution as amended was adopted. (Resolution 8).

The Special Committee on Jackson Grove Camp-meeting reported favorably on the project, pledging the moral but not the financial sup-

port of the conference.

The report was largely discussed and the order of the day was extended ten minutes. J. D. Kinzer was called to the chair. A vote on the question was called for and the report was adopted. (Report V).

Papers were referred to Committee on Church Extension.

The order of the day for hearing the Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Education having arrived, Dr. Berrien, the secretary, addressed the conference.

The report of the Education Steward, J. M. Dickey, was read. \$1786 was paid on the seminary assessment; \$1310 on the college assessment and \$544 on the ministerial education assessment. The report was adopted. (See Report N).

The collector for the Church Extension Society, C. R. Strausberg, reported \$107 collected. The report was adopted. (See Report E).

The Superannuate Fund Steward, reported 96.4 per cent paid to the claimants. The report was adopted. (See Report F).

G. M Clayton, the Home Mission Steward, reported \$1900 paid on

the assessment. The report was adopted. (See Report O).

The report of the Baltimore City Church Extension Society, stating the assistance rendered Christ Church and other points was read (See Report E) and referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

The delegates from Waltersville, Amelia and Potomac were excused

from further attendance at conference sessions.

Committee on Church Extension recommended as a partial report that an assessment of \$4000 be laid on the district for church extension. The report was adopted. (See Report E).

On motion the time was extended that the conference might hear the report of the Electoral College, and the conference gave way to the

Electoral College.

A partial report of the faculty recommending an ordination was adopted. (Report D).

On motion the ordinations were ordered for the morning service of

the Sabbath in the conference church.

Revs. Dr. Grise, Superintendent of the Maryland Anti-Saloon League, and Dr. Weber were introduced. The conference adjourned.

Afternoon

The conference was called to order at 2:00 p. m. by the president, immediately following a session of the Electoral College.

The faculty sumitted a partial report recommending the reception

and licensing students. The report was adopted. (Report D). F. M. Clift, W. B. Elliott and G. F. Norris were presented to the president who received the candidates on behalf of the conference.

On motion conference gave way to a meeting of the Church Extension Society and immediately following to the Superannuate Fund Society.

The special committee on the publication of the conference sermon reported that \$18.00 had been subscribed. The report was accepted.

The special committee on the paper submitted by the Fraternal Committee of the Baltimore M E. Conference made its report which was adopted. (Report W).

There being no further business, conference adjourned with the ben-

edict on by S. A. Hoblitzell.

FIFTH DAY—Sunday*

The Sunday morning services were conducted by the President of the Conference, F. T. Little. Hymn 465," Draw near, O Son of God," was sung and the president led in prayer. The lesson was read by W. S. Phillips from II. Timothy 4. Then, according to appointment, R. S. Rowe preached the ordination sermon from II. Timothy 4:2, "Preach the word." After the sermon the secretary called the names of the candidates for ordination, Thomas Wheeler, George Edwin Brown, George J. Hooker, C. Roscoe Strausburg, and Phillip Waxter Crosby, and presented them to the president. J. W. Kirk read the Scriptures and the Secretary of the Conference conducted the examination. Rowe offered prayer, whereupon the candidates received the order of elder by the laying on of the hands of the president, S. B. Southland, R. S. Rowe, J. W. Kirk and W. S. Phillips. After their ordination they were each presented with a copy of the Holy Scripture. The president then led in prayer and read the "Advice to the ordained." The benediction was pronounced by R. S. Rowe.

The Lord's Supper was celebrated in the afternoon, being in charge of the president. The Dead Roll was read by J. M. Sheridan and the names of E. J. Drinkhouse, A. D. Melvin and H. S. Leas were eulogized by members of the respective obituary committees and other

friends.

In the evening the sermon was preached by T. H. Lewis.

^{*}NOTE-The journal of the fifth day, Sunday, was inadvertently not read before the conference. But with the approval of the president, it is inserted in the usual order.

W. S. PHILLIPS, Secretary.

SIXTH DAY-Monday

The morning devotional exercises were conducted by Clayborne Phillips.

The conference was called to order at 9:30 a. m. by President Little.

The minuites were read and approved.

A partial report of the Committee on Superannuates, recommending an assessment of \$4500 to be laid on the district, was submitted and laid on the table for twenty four hours.

The conference at this point gave way to the session of the Electo-

ral College.

The list of the committees was called and reports called for.

The report of the Committee on Superannuates was submitted and laid on the table for twenty-four hours.

The report of the Committee on Transportation, stating that reduced rates had been secured with the transportation companies, was read and

adopted. (Report S)

A communication from the Anti-Saloon League of Maryland requesting the appointment of three members of this body to serve on the executive committee of the league, was read and referred to the Committee on Temperance. The Committee on Temperance submitted its report which was laid on the table until the committee could report on the communication from the Anti-Saloon League.

The Committee on the President's Report submitted its report, endorsing the recommendations of the president with reference to additions to the manual. The report of the committee was adopted. (See Report

A).

The Special Committee on the Publication of the Conference Sermon stated that about 500 copies of the sermon would be published in pamphlet form.

The report of the Committee on Missions was read by the secretary. W. R. Graham moved an amendment to strike out the item referring to the Home Mission assessment and inserting the amount of \$2000 instead of \$2500 as the assessment for Home Missions. W. J. Neepier offered a substitute that the report be recommitted so as to read \$2000 instead of \$2500. T. H. Lewis offered a resolution as a substitute for the whole, reading that the extra \$500 be not apportioned but that pastors be requested to raise the amount. Time was extended ten minutes. The substitute for the whole was lost. The substitute was lost. amendment was then taken up. J. M. Sheridan offered an amendment to the amendment that the assessment be \$2400. The amendment was The original amendment was again taken up. The time was extended long enough for a vote. The amendment was adopted and the report as amended was adopted. (Report O).

The conference then took a recess. The benediction was pro-

nounced by J. B. Jones.

Afternoon

The conference began its afternoon session with the president in the chair, who cailed T. H. Lewis to the chair.

G. J. Hooker, collector of dues for the Superannuate Fund reported the collection of \$100.50. The report was adopted and the committee discharged.

The Foreign Mission Steward reported that \$7197 had been contributed by the district to Foreign Missions during the year. The report was adopted (See Report O).

Rev. J. H. Brunges was introduced to the conference.

The conference on motion gave way to a meeting of the Electoral College.

With the resumption of business, the conference heard the report of the Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference. The report was adopted. (Report Z).

J. D. Kinzer made a motion that the secretary cast the ballot of the conference for the election of F. T. Little, J. M. Gill, J. H. Roberts and C. A. Benjamin to succeed the members of the board whose terms expire with this conference. There was objection by F. T. Tagg and the conference proceeded to ballot Tellers were appointed and were permitted to retire and count the ballot.

The report of the Special Committee on the employment of a conference evangelist was in the negative. The report was adopted. (Report BB).

The Committee on Literature submitted its report of gratification for the excellent condition of our publishing interests. The report was adopted. (Report G).

The Committee on Statistics submitted its report which was adopted. (See Tables).

At this point the conference gave way for an offering for a minister lately transferred to the list of superannuates.

The Electoral College again in session.

The time was, on motion, extended for thirty minutes.

The tellers on the election of Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference reported that there was no election.

On motion of J. D. Kinzer, the conference agreed to hold an evening session at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of hearing the report of the Electoral College.

W. M. Strayer moved that the secretary cast the ballot of the conference for F. T. Little, S. J. Smith, J. H. Roberts and C. A. Benjamin as trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference. The motion prevailed and the secretary cast the ballot.

The chairman of the Christian Endeavor Committee submitted his report. The recommendations were to the effect that the C. E. societies be requested to raise \$1000 this year for missions and that a missionary

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service be held in October for that purpose. The report was adopted. (Report R).

The delegates from Delmar and Mardela were excused from further

attendance.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was taken from the table with an additional item recommending the granting of the request of the Anti-Saloon League. J. L. Straughn offered an amendment commending Attorney Owens for his work in behalf of the temperance cause. The amendment was adopted and the report as amended was adopted (Report I).

The time was extended five minutes.

J. W. Kirk offered a resolution authorizing the secretary to communicate with the Senators and Representatives of Maryland in Congress requesting them to vote for the Hepburn-Dolliver bill now before that body. The resolution was adopted. (Resolution 9).

The conference at this juncture gave way to the pentecostal service, which was addressed by Miss Anna L. Forest and Rev. U. G. Murphy.

Evening

At 7:30 o'clock, the president called the conference to order and immediately gave place to the Electoral College. Immediately thereafter conference adjourned.

SEVENTH DAY—Tuesday

R. L. Shipley conducted morning worship.

At 9:30 o'clock the president called the conference to order. The roll was not called and the minutes were read, corrected and approved.

The conference gave way to the Electoral College.

The president resumed the chair. The order of the day was suspended. T. H. Lewis submitted a resolution with reference to the Home Mission assessment, that a note be appended to the table of assessments requesting pastors to raise the extra \$500 by an increase of 25% of the regular Home Mission assessment. C. P. Nowlin offered an amendment that the conference reconsider the action of yesterday fixing the assessment at \$2000. The Electoral convened at this point, after which the vote was taken on the reconsideration and the amendment obtained. G. W. Haddaway made a motion that the assessment be \$2500. J. M. Sheridan offered an amendment substituting \$2400. There was much discussion and the previous question was called for. The amendment was lost and on a further motion the Home Mission assessment was fixed at \$2500.

The conference again gave place to the Electoral College.

The time was extended. E. A. Warfield requested that the conference leave him without an appointment for this year and on motion

the request was granted.

H. L. Elderdice offered a resolution with reference to the report of the special committee on the paper submitted by the Fraternal Committee from the Baltimore Conference M. E. Church, that a copy be sent to the Baltimore Conference Committee and another be handed the representatives to the General Conference of this church. The resolution was adopted. (Resolution 10).

The resolution offered by J. H. S. Ewell requesting the General Conference through the Maryland representatives to add pages to the church register for the enrollment of subscribers to the church

papers was not adopted.

H. L. Schlincke offered a resolution that a committee of three be appointed who shall revise the pastor's personal report blank and report back next conference. The resolution was adopted. (Resolution 11).

S. B. Southerland offered a resolution respecting church union which was made the order of the day for the afternoon of Tuesday at 3:00

o'clock.

The conference then took a recess and the benediction was pronounced by H. L. Elderdice.

Afternoon

The conference convened at 2:00 p. m. with the president in the chair, who immediately called W. M. Strayer to preside.

The report of W. N. Sherwood, Conference Steward, was read and

adopted. (See Financial Tables).

The Electoral College was again given place.

The conference resumed business with J. D. Kinzer in the chair.

The report of the Committee on Education was read, stating gratification over our educational institutions, recommending the loan of H. L. Elderdice to the seminary and fixing the assessment on the district for the seminary at \$1800. The report was adopted. (Report N).

The Committee on Fraternal Relations submitted its report, granting a continuance of the relation of T. P. Revelle, J. S. Bowers and F. T. Benson, and not granting the request of the Board of Home Missions for the loan of another minister. The report was adopted as a whole.

(Report L).

A resolution was offered by J. W. Kirk to the purport that the secretary communicate with the Senators of Maryland, requesting them to vote that the seat of Read Smoot, Senator-elect from Utah, be declared vacant. The resolution was adopted on a rising vote. (Resolution 12).

The report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was read and

adopted.

The Steward for Our Church Home, L. A. Bennett, submitted his report, showing an increase of contributions over last year. The report

was adopted. (See Report Y).

The order of the day for three o'clock having arrived, the conference took up the paper submitted by S.B. Southerland. T.H. Lewis submitted a resolution to the effect that it is inexpedient to discuss the matter of church union at this time and that the paper of S. B. Southerland be published in the minutes with this explanation. The resolution of T. H. Lewis was adopted (Resolution 13).

A paper signed by Avery Donovan suggesting the establishment of a Methodist Protestant Church in Berlin, Md., was read and referred to

the Committee on Church Enterprises.

The report of the Steward of the Church Extension Fund was read and adopted. (See Report E).

The papers of the Superannuate Committee were taken from the

table, read, and, without discussion, adopted. (Report F).

The secretary made a motion that the president be requested to read his list of appointments at 9:00 o'clock this evening. The motion prevailed.

The report of the Board of Finance was read and the item referring to the enlargement of the type in the table was stricken out. The report as amended was adopted. (Report C).

The Committee on Church Extension submitted its report which on

motion was adopted as a whole. (Report E).

The secretary of the Committee on Official Character read the report of that committee. R. S. Rowe moved that the rule in the Manual declaring reports defective that did not report assessments paid in full be stricken out. (Resolution 15). The motion prevailed and the report was adopted. (Report M).

The resolution offered by N. O. Gibson requesting the Maryland Bible Society to give full credit to this conference for the amounts paid

to it was adopted. (Resolution 14).

W. S. Phillips submitted a resolution to the effect that the last section of Rule 30 of the Manual, with reference to calling pastors before the Committee on Official Character whose reports were defective, be stricken out. J. M. Sheridan was called to the chair. The resolution was adopted and J. D. Kinzer again presided. (Resolution 16).

The time was extended and at the suggestion of W. S. Phillips an offering was taken to defray the expenses of the conference choir books.

J. H. S. Ewell moved that evening session of the conference begin at 7:30 o'clock. The motion prevailed as did also a further motion that the president appoint ushers for the evening session.

Henry Shafer, collector for the sexton, reported the collection of

\$25.04. The report was accepted and the collector was discharged.

On motion the conference adjourned with the benediction by F. T. Tagg.

Evening

The conference was called to order at 7:30 o'clock by the secretary, I. D. Kinzer presiding on a motion of J. S Bowers.

A resolution with reference to the expenses of the General Conference representatives was offered by J. L. Mills and adopted. (Resolution 17).

The report of the Committee on Benevolent Agencies was read and on motion was recommitted for some corrections. After which, on motion, the report was adopted. (Report K).

The Committee on Church Enterprise reported, recommending the establishment of a church in Berlin, Md., under the supervision of the pastor of Snow Hill. The report was adopted. (Report T).

A report of the Faculty recommending the passing and licensing of

students was submitted and adopted. (Report D). F. C. Klein offered a resolution that the president be authorized to

regularly appoint a conference postmaster and the usual collectors. The resolution was adopted. (Resolution 18).

The report of the special committee to confer with the New Jersey conference on mission work in Philadelphia was read. A motion was made that the committee be continued as the president of the conference and the pastor of St. Luke's. The motion prevailed and the report was adopted. (Report AA).

W. M. Strayer was called to the chair. The recommendation of the Committee on Official Character that an hour be set apart each conference for the discussion of the best means of raising the conference benevolences was called for. There was discussion of the question, the president of the conference in the meanwhile resuming the chair.

The secretary announced the special committees appointed by the

president as ordered by the conference. (See List).

F. T Tagg made a motion that W. M. Poisal be granted a supernumerary relation and the request was granted.

The minutes of the day were read and approved.

The president resumed the chair, and after some appropriate remarks read the plan of appointments. (See Report A).

On motion, the conference adjourned with the benediction by the president.

> W. S. PHILLIPS. Secretary.

Approved:

F. T. LITTLE, President.

REPORT A

The President

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the Maryland Annual Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN:-

Another year of our denominational history completes itself as we gather in this our seventy-sixth annual conference assembly. We give thanks unto God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ that we are thus permitted to meet again, and for all the mercies and loving kindnesses with which the year has been crowned. But amid our smiles and joys and happy salutations we are called again under the shadow where tears and sighs mingle for those who will meet with us no more in the body, and sadly we read the word,

DEATHS.

Three of our beloved ministerial brethren have passed away during the year. Rev. Edward Jacob Drinkhouse, M.D., D.D., died April 19th, 1903. He was our preacher, churchman, editor and historian, and, after fifty-three years of faithful toil and abiding service in the conference, he passed through the rent-veil of the flesh into the Most Holy Place of life and love and peace.

Rev. Hammond Spencer Leas, died December 3rd, 1903. Brother Leas was young, earnest, an acceptable preacher and indefatigable worker. After a little less than five years of service among us he dropped the silver trumpet and grasped the crown as he passed into the upper mansion of the Father's house.

Rev. Adolphus David Melvin, D.D., died February 13th, 1904. He was a logical preacher, a loved pastor and successful evangelist. After thirty-two years of valuable service in the itinerancy, during five of which he was our honored president, weary and worn with the burdens he bore, he just languished into life and rest and home in Heaven.

One other name must be mentioned in this connection. I have left it until the last because it represented a sweet, young wife of one of the probationary members of the conference. Mrs. Lydia Roop Price, wife of Rev. H. H. Price, died July 16th, 1903. Sister Price was gentle, winsome, consecrated. She was of "that chaste sisterhood of souls", and laid all her wealth, with all her love, at Jesus' feet, then passed on to see the "King in His beauty" in the far away land of joy. Obituary committees were appointed in each case under the rule.

Since this report was completed another lovely young wife of one of our ministerial members has passed away to the rest that remaineth. We burried her body from this church only day before yesterday. Mrs. Maggie Olivia Dickey, wife of Rev. J. M. Dickey, died April 1st, 1904. After a long siege of suffering her poor tired frame dropped back into earth, whence it came, and her blessed spirit swept into the enjoyment of life in its fullest flower and sweetest fragrance, and is forever with the Lord. An obituary committee will be appointed in due time.

CHANGES.

Soon after adjournment of conference last spring, Brother H. C. Staley, who had been assigned to Christ Church, Baltimore, sought to be released from his pastoral charge. After due consideration, and for reasons deemed sufficient, he was released on May 6th, 1903, and has since then been actively engaged as a layman in North Baltimore Church. May 16th, 1903, with the consent of the church, Rev. W. N. Sherwood was released from the pastorate of St. John's (Canton), and on the same day was appointed pastor of Christ Church.

May 20th, 1903, by consent of all concerned, Rev. Clayborne Phillips was released from the pastorate of Montgomery Circuit, and assigned to St. John's Church (Canton).

June 5th, 1903, Rev. Benjamin A. Bryan, a probationary member of the North Illinois Annual Conference, bearing duly-signed official papers from the president of that conference, was appointed to fill the vacancy on Montgomery Circuit.

June 30th, 1903, Rev. Elmer Simpson was given papers of withdrawal from the denomination. The vacancy thus occasioned on Deer Park Circuit has been most acceptably filled by Brother W. P. Roberts, during school vacation, and since by Brother A. T. Evans, both seminary students.

August 25th, 1903, at his own request, and by consent of the charge, Rev. H. H. Price was released from Delta Station, and on the same date was given a certificate of probationary membership in the conference, commending him to the Texas Annual Conference of our denomination, where he has since been doing satisfactory work as President of the College of Theology, in connection with the Westminster College at Tehuacana, Texas, and as pastor of the church in that town. The Delta work has been supplied in a manner every way satisfactory since October 14th, by Brother John D. Keith, a student at the seminary.

September 4th, 1903, on account of broken health, Rev. H. S. Leas was released from the work on Felton Circuit. He was almost heart-broken over being obliged to give up his loved employ, and his people were deeply grieved at the loss of a pastor who had inspired them with so much hope for the building up of their work. I regret to report that I have not since been able to supply the charge with a regular pastor.

October 14th, 1903, upon petition signed by a large majority of the small membership of Hollywood Church, I released Rev. J. S. Wildridge, who had been supplying the work, and on the same day appointed Rev. Frank M. Clift as pastoral supply to serve the church in connection with Amelia Circuit.

UNSUPPLIED CHARGES.

The nine places left to be supplied at the last conference have been served by regularly appointed pastors, with a single exception, during the entire year. The exception is Campbell. Brother N. C. Clough, a seminary student, served this charge from May, 1903, to January, 1904, and did excellent work. After the Christmas holidays he returned to school, and the charge has been without a pastor since that time.

Evergreen has been efficiently served by Brother G. I. Humphreys of the senior class of the seminary.

May 27th, 1903, Rev. George F. Norris, being duly recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Bethany Church, Baltimore, was appointed to Fox Hill, and proved himself well adapted to the work at that place. He is present, seeking admission to the conference on trial.

Lewistown has been in charge of Brother J. Ernest Litsinger, a senior seminarian, and the condition of the circuit attests the efficiency of his work there.

Rev. G. E. Brown, who was left without an appointment at his own request by the last conference, served Marley until October 27th, 1903, when at his request, and by consent of the circuit, he was released, and Brother W. P. Roberts of the seminary was placed in charge of the work.

April 21st, 1903, Rev. C. E. Redeker, an unstationed minister of Starr Church, Baltimore, being duly recommended by the Quarterly Conference of said church, was appointed pastor of Nichols Memorial Circuit. He has served the charge with great acceptability and is present as a candidate for admission to membership in the conference.

Patapsco was supplied a part of the year by Rev. C. H. Littleton. Since he discontinued his services, Brother W. S. Simms, of Broadway Church, has been supplying the charge in connection with Jones Memorial Church.

Rowlandville was supplied during the school vacation by Brother C. M. Elderdice, a student of Western Maryland College. Since October 27th, Brother G. E. Brown has been in charge of the work there.

Williamsport has been served all the year by Brother E. E. Parsons, of the seminary.

PRESIDENT'S PARSONAGE.

The house purchased last year has proven admirably adapted to the purpose for which it is intended. After another year's experience with it as a place of residence I most hearily repeat and emphasize the remark of my report of last year, "It is every way suitable, and a credit to the conference and the denomination."

The Agent of the President's Parsonage has been courteous, thoughtful and painstaking in the management of the interest committed to him, and his report will show all current expenses met, with provision made for a reasonable payment on the debt.

The Conference Guild has been able to add a few necessary articles to the furnishing of the house besides paying the insurance on the entire furniture.

It seems important to keep the church advised that no part of the payments on assessment for president's salary can be used for keeping the furniture of the parsonage in proper condition, and that the Guild exists solely to meet such needs in this particular as may arise from time to time.

BENEVOLENT AGENCIES.

Mrs. T. A. Reese, the true friend of all good work and workers, has continued her munificent gifts to pastoral support, and the general benevolent interests of the conference and denomination during the year.

The Pipe Creek and Jefferson Benevolent Societies, and the St. John's Board of Beneficence have also renewed their kindly aid to our ministers and enterprises through the year. To all of these I here again express the grateful appreciation of the conference for their helpful assistance in its devinely appointed work.

The Maryland Bible Society and the Maryland Tract Society continued their effective work during the year until the disastrous fire of February 7-8, of the present calendar year, in Baltimore City. Since then each society has suffered loss of income, resulting in temporary embarrassment of its work. The respective managements, however, have the situation well in hand, and can be depended upon to husband the remaining resources of the organizations and guide them safely through their present difficulties. I mention these societies in my report for the reason that our people throughout Maryland make annual contributions to the funds of each through the conference.

BEQUESTS.

Four persons have shown their appreciation of our work in the form of bequests during the conference year. Mrs. M. A. Zollikoffer, a name that awakens tender memories in the older members of the conference, left by will \$200 each to North Baltimore Church, the Superannuate Fund Society and the Maryland Branch Women's Foreign Missionary Society. The beloved and lamented Dr. E. J. Drinkhouse bequeathed \$1,000 to the Maryland Educational Endowment Society, the income to be used in the education of young men for the ministry of our church, and all the residue of his estate, amounting (ground-rent estimates included) to \$24,000, to the Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference, with specific directions for the use of the income therefrom. Mrs. E. J. Baile left a ground-rent of \$60 per year on property No. 1511 Mulberry Street, Baltimore, Md., to Pipe Creek Church in Carroll County, making the capitalized value of the gift \$1,000, and our late esteemed Brother Gaven Spence, of Newark, N. J., gave \$500 each to Western Maryland College and the Board of Ministerial Education.

These gifts foot up the splendid sum of \$27,600.00, and show that some of our people at least are coming to recognize more fully the duty of stewardship in the use of their means in the spread of the Gospel through our own denomination. These devoted friends, though dead, yet speak blessedly in the works which follow them.

BOOK-ROOM BUILDING.

The joint Committee of the Book Directory and the Conference, after diligent investigation and consideration of the subject, purchased last April the fee-simple property No. 316 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Md., for the use of the Book Directory, in accordance with the action of the conference at its session in Crisfield, Md., in 1899. The directory moved its effects into the building in July last, and the publishing interests of the denomination in Baltimore City, together with the head-quarters of the church in the Maryland Conference, are thus, for the first time in the history of the church, permanently established in our own property.

The location is all that could be desired, and the business results of the eight months of the fiscal year, ending with Feburary 29th, 1904, (as will be

seen by the directory's report) are most encouraging.

Undoubtedly we have reached a new era in the history of the Baltimore Book Concern and Periodical. Surely there can no longer be even the shadow of a reason for any of our people withholding their fullest patronage from our own book concern, while every consideration of denominational progress and prosperity requires the more general and constantly increasing circulation of the official church literature. The conference and the church must stand by the directory, the editor and the agent, heartily co-operating with them in efforts to enlarge the book business and increase the circulation of the official periodicals, if the new departure is to meet with the success which its merits deserve.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

There have been reported to me one hundred and seventy young people's societies in the district. Included in this number are the junior societies. The combined membership of these societies is six thousand, four hundred and sixty-eight. This membership represents a band of young people considerable in numbers, well endowed with gifts, graces and abilities, and with opportunities for usefulness in spreading the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, well calculated to inspire them to the highest degree of activity, consecration and sacrifice. That this band is measuring up to its great possibilities in the aggressive work of the conference I think no one will claim, but that it is a helpful and not a retarding force in our work I think any one capable of judging will cheerfully concede.

It is the duty, shall I not say the privilege, of the pastor to make the local society what it ought to be, and lead it in doing what it ought to do in advancing the interests of the local church. All our pastors, I fear, do not take the trouble to do this. It is also the duty and ought to be the pleasure of the presidents and other officers of the respective local societies to heartily cooperate with the pastor in bringing the society into the most cordial and helpful relations with the pastor and the entire work of the church. I fear all the officers of these societies do not do that.

Without this faithful, loyal working together it is impossible to achieve the best results in the work of the society or the church. Where it obtains,

the work of both the society and the church is harmonious, happy and successful, and Christian Endeavor is a real blessing to the cause of Christ and the church.

The Maryland Conference Union held its convention in West Baltimore Church, February 9,10, and 11 of this year. Though the time set came right in the week of the great fire in Baltimore, the attendance, interest and exercises were a credit to all concerned, and the convention was a success even under trying circumstances.

CHURCH UNION.

I supppose some recognition of this question will be expected in my report. Surely I do not need in this presence to affirm my belief in loyalty to and love for my own church—the church at whose altars I was baptized, converted, called and ordained to the ministry of the blessed Son of God. I love her principles, her polity and her people. I have an abiding confidence in her mission, her methods and her Methodism. Yes, and in her ultimate triumph as a true church of the Lord Jesus Christ. What I say here, then, I say as a lover of the Methodist Protestant Church.

In speaking of the union question I feel it to be just to our people to say, I have not found any restlessness or manifest interest even on the subject anywhere in the district. Much has appeared in the religious and secular papers during the past eight months on the proposed union of the three denominations involved, but our people, at least as far as I have come in contact with them, have simply declined to show any appreciable concern regarding the matter. This condition of things has made me regret that the subject was brought forward at the time and in the form it was. But it was brought forward. It is now before the church, and must be met and dealt with in the spirit of Christian fraternity and love.

The question is not before the church in the form I think all of us would prefer to have it, that is in the form of definite propositions of union, but simply as a proposal to the respective general bodies of the three denominations concerned to agree to the formation of a General Council. This council shall consider terms, propositions, conditions, and, if a basis of union can be agreed upon in the council, it shall be submitted to the respective general bodies for The sole question then before the church at this time is, Shall ratification. we agree to form this proposed General Council? This question the General Conference of next May must answer for the Methodist Protestant Church. The annual conference cannot answer it. The most the annual conference can do in the premises is to pass resolutions designed to instruct its representatives how they shall vote on the question in the Gerenal Conference wise for us-the Maryland Conference-to do that? The conference is quite competent to decide that for itself without recommendation or even suggestion But I must in all good conscience write myself down as deeming such a course unwise at this time. I think any radical action on either side of the question at this stage of the case is by all means to be avoided. it is wise for us to act conservatively, to go forward carefully, prayerfully,

in the spirit of those who are willing to see whether or not Providence has anything in the movement for us, while at the same time we shall exert such influence as we may possess in shaping conclusions in the hope and with the purpose of getting some of our own wise, level-headed, thoroughly posted, denominational men in that council, if it be formed-men who can be trusted by the church anywhere, everywhere and all the time. We have such. Men who have the root of Methodist Protestantism in them, who glorify the Methodist Protestant Idea as sanctioned by New Testament doctrine and usage, who stand always for principle rather than polity, and who care more for the integrity, the mission and the self-respect of the denomination than for the bigness of some other organization. With men of this stamp in the council any basis of union agreed upon will be just and honorable to us as to the other bodies involved, and if no union be agreed upon they will lead us out of the council with equal honor, and we will then proceed in our providential mission "endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace." I write all this, brethren, while in my heart of hearts I desire to remain where I am, and what I am, a free, American, Methodist Protestant preacher, with an organized denomination of the same name in which to do my preaching and my work until the Master of us all bids me cease my labors to receive my reward.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Western Maryland College still grows in the estimation of the people as a worthy, enterprising, progressive educational institution, whose moral and religious influence is felt in many ways. Since it has been given its rightful place as one of the valuable working forces of the conference to which our people, especially our young people, make annual contributions, its friends have been able to give it hearty recognition before the churches and Sunday schools in connection with the collection for the endowment fund. The student roll equals that of last year, and it is sincerely hoped the endowment collection has not suffered because of the long illness and death of the late secretary, Dr. Melvin.

Westminster Theological Seminary continues to make steady, gratifying growth under the present efficient management. It has the largest number of students now enrolled of any year under the present administration, and is doing thoroughly conscientious work in training young men for the ministry of the church. The presidents of these institutions have been prompt and hearty in rendering aid to the president of the conference in carrying out plans for the advancement of the work committed to him during the year. Especially has Dr. Elderdice, of the seminary, been helpful in providing supplies for vacant pulpits from time to time. I take pleasure in recording my grateful appreciation of the help given by these brethren. Full details of the work of each school will be given in its report to the conference.

Our Church Home management has again demonstrated its ability to make the needy old folks committed to its care comfortable on a surprisingly small income. The churches are coming, some of them slowly, perhaps, but all of them surely, I believe, to give a more prompt and liberal response to the claims of this tender, pathetic, beautiful charity of the conference. I bespeak for the report of the home a glad hearing, and a hearty vote of co-operation with the management for the ensuing year.

The Maryland and the Washington and Alexandria Branches of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, are growing in efficiency as workers in the great and important missionary undertakings of the denomination. The zeal, courage and faith of these loyal women merit the endorsement and practical aid of all our pastors. I rejoice in their enthusiastic enterprise and labor of love. Nevertheless I cannot refrain from expressing the hope and prayer that the General Conference in its wisdom may be able to devise some plan by which all our missionary workers and missionary money can reach the foreign field through one official denominational source.

The state of the church in respect to material improvements may be seen in the following recital: the new church at Cannon, on the Delaware Railroad, referred to last year as being built and almost ready for dedication, was finished in due time and dedicated; the new church at Greenwood, Del., also referred to last year as having the foundation laid, has been erected and dedicated. beautiful church, only two weeks after its dedication, was seriously injured in the fearful explosion which wrecked a large part of the buildings of the village. It has since, however, been put in complete order by the railroad company, and is a monument to our cause in that part of the work. The two new churches. begun and nearly completed last year, on Heathville Circuit have been finished and dedicated. A new church has been built and dedicated at Hayden's station on Queen Anne's Circuit, also at Hallwood on Conquest Charge. point we have not had a church heretofore. A new, attractive, frame church building has been erected for Christ Church, Baltimore, on its lot on North Avenue near Pennsylvania Avenue. Preparations have been made and material placed on the ground for a new church at Fawn Grove, Pa. St. Paul's Church, on Sussex Circuit, has been renewed, enlarged and beautified until it is almost Extensive improvements have been made at First Church, a new building. Washington, D. C.; at Laurel, Del.; Norrisville, on Stewartstown Charge; Burrsville, on Caroline Circuit, and at Warwick Church on Warwick Circuit, while repairs more or less extensive have been made to Starr Church, Baltimore, to Ruthsburg, on Queen Anne's Circuit, to Quantico and to Lewistown churches.

Splendid new parsonages have been built at Marion Station, on Trinity Charge, and at Georgetown, Del. Excellent houses, every way adapted for parsonage purposes, have been purchased at Parksley, Va., at Cumberland, Md. and at Lawsonia, Md., while plans are completed and work will soon be under way on the new parsonage at Greenwood, Del., in place of the one injured in the explosion at that place, and a new building is now under way at Odenton, Md., for a parsonage for Nichols Memorial Circuit. Decided improvements have also been made to the parsonages at Seaford, Del., and at Warwick, Md.

These buildings and improvements involved an expenditure of \$58,210.70. North Carolina Avenue Church has paid \$1000 on her debt this year, Broadway \$500, and Cumberland \$581.50, each in addition to the aid given it by the conference. Experience yearly justifies the good judgement of the conference in using its church extension money to build churches and help pay debts on

property, rather than to encourage congregations to seek such aid in paying pastors' salaries.

The payments on the debts of the charges named, together with all other payments on debt reported to me, foot up the sum of \$14,838.17, making a grand total of expenditures for buildings and improvements, and for liquidation of debts of \$73,048.87 for the conference year, being \$9,070.12 in excess

of the amount reported to me last year.

While all the pastors have not made their reports to me as requested by the return postal cards, yet those who have thus reported give figures which foot up 2,038 conversions in the district during the year, and 2,051 accessions to the church. Some points have been blessed with revivals of great power and farreaching influence. This has been especially true of Fawn Grove, Pa., and Rhode Island Avenue, in Washington City. The grand old Gospel is still all powerful unto salvation when preached in the demonstration and power of the Holy Ghost. The results in conversions and accessions may not be all we had hoped, prayed and labored for, but surely they are sufficient to stir us with profound gratitude to our God and Saviour that we have been accounted worthy of such honorable service and blessed results. Praise the Lord, O, my soul, and

let us magnify His name together.

The state of the church is still further indicated by some interesting and encouraging facts regarding pastors' salaries. In addition to the places reported last year as having increased pastors' salaries for this year, it is a great pleasure to report that sixteen charges joined them in this important upward move for the The aggregate amount of increase made by these charges was Nineteen charges have increased salaries for the ensuing year in amounts aggregating \$1,970, making a total increase of \$3,321 for the two years. Five of these charges increased salaries for the present and the ensuing year both, leaving twenty-eight separate charges which have increased pastors' This makes sixty-five charges which have increased pastors' salaries salaries. These facts are not recorded for the purpose of claiming since April 1st, 1902. credit for the results shown, nor yet for the purpose of placing a commercial value on the state of the church in the district, but that the actual state of the church may be arrived at by showing that we have grown in this grace also. There are other points in the conference where pastors' salaries ought by all means to be increased, and I do most sincerely believe that the great work of the church in the conversion of sinners, edifying of believers and the spread of Scriptural holiness, would follow more successfully upon an honest, self-denying effort on the part of the membership in this direction.

A careful study of all these facts shows the spiritual condition of the church to be decidedly good. Indeed I feel sure I am not mistaken when I say it is better than last year. The work of our pastors, as a rule, is intelligent, aggressive and successful. They preach the Gospel clearly, fully and with the view of saving men. Not a single complaint has been made of any brother preaching in a way to confuse the minds of his hearers, or lessen the value of the great fundamental doctrines of the Bible. On the contrary, many excellent things have been reported about the comforting, sustaining, strengthening character of

the messages the brethren have given their people from Sabbath to Sabbath. It is still to be emphasized, however, in this connection, that excellent preaching without pastoral visiting does not and cannot make a strong, growing church, while already a few churches begin to ask for pastors who do not spend one twelfth of the year in vacation absence from their fields of labor.

I cannot close this report on the state of the church without referring again to the church paper. It is a source of deep regret that while there have been reported more than two thousand conversions and an equal number of accessions to our membership during the year the report of the Book Directory will show there has not been any appreciable increase in the number of subscribers to the "Methodist Protestant". This certainly ought not to be the case. should be allowed to remain long in the membership of the church without having the claims of the church paper pressed upon him. It should be the aim and effort of every pastor to have a copy of the church discipline and the weekly visit of the church paper in the home of every member of his charge. of the church paper certainly must be to help the pastor, the individual member and every interest of the church, to promote peace, progress and prosperity in every local church and throughout the length and breadth of the entire denomination, and supplement every effort for the spread of the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour. It must surely be a mistake to say our Maryland Conference pastors do not care for the "Methodist Protestant". It is the denomination's official voice, the church's weekly exponent, the Gospel's true defeuder, or it is a misnomer. Care for it? Why, we love it, and many of our pastors do most faithfully strive to circulate it among their people. We all ought to do that, and keep on doing it until we make 'a decided increase in the number of subscribers on every charge.

In prosecuting my work I have not spared myself in time, toil, travel or expense. I have visited every charge in the district, except Alnutt Memorial. This point was included in my published plan, but it was thought best by the pastor and myself to defer the visit on account of the Christian Endeavor convention which was in session on the date published for the visit. Some charges have been visited several times during the year.

RECOMMENDATION.

1. I recommend that paragraphs 1 and 2 of the report of "Special Committee on President's Parsonage Committee", on page 48 of minutes of 1903, be printed in the manual as the standing rule for the guidance of the President and the Agent of the President's Parsonage in managing the per centage of payment from president's salary to the agent, and the respective expenses to be paid therefrom by the agent.

2. I recommend that the president's parsonage be placed in our financial tables at a valuation of \$6000, and that our book room building be placed in the same tables at a valuation of \$22,000. These properties belong to the conference and should be properly accounted for in our property statistics.

3. I recommend that Rule XXVII. in manual be amended by striking out and adding after the word conference, so that it will read, "And on Sunday

afternoon during the session, immediately following the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, memorial services for the deceased shall be observed', and that Rule XXVIII. be so amended as to read, "On Sunday afternoon the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered".

With gratitude to Almighty God for the preservation of my life and health, and of that of my family, and to my brethren and sisters of the ministry and laity for their great kindness to me during the year, I am,

Very truly yours,

F. T. LITTLE, President.

OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1st. Our president has been 'in labors more abundant' and acceptable during the year now past; his complete and encouraging report indicates a healthful growth in our college and seminary, and an improvement in the material and spiritual interests along all the lines of the work of many of our charges, as well as a notable increase in the bequests of some of our now deceased brethren and sisters, who have thus set an example worthy of imitation by others now surviving. It occurs to us that the time is now ripe and most opportune for the endorsement of our college and the theological seminary, the discharge of the debt upon the conference parsonage, the placing of our book concern upon a financial basis beyond the reach of any contingency of pecuniary distress, and last, but not least, the increase of the superannuate fund to the extent that the income therefrom would pay annually one hundred cents on every dollar of the appropriations.

2nd. It is a gratification to know that Mrs.T.A. Reese, The Pipe Creek and Jefferson Benevolent Societies, and the St. John's Board of Beneficence have continued their very helpful appropriations in aid of our pastors, churches and undertakings. These beneficences are greatly appreciated: the benefactors deserve

and are hereby tendered our heartfelt thanks.

3rd. We commend the wise action of the "joint Committees of the Book Directory and the Conference" in the purchase of the fee-simple property No. 316 N. Charles St., at such a comparatively moderate price. It gladdens our hearts to know that we are now in possession of such an excellent property, so well adapted to our purposes and which is all our own. Now let all the people supplement the good work of the committees by an increased effort to secure subscribers to the "Methodist Protestant," and in patronizing as far as possible our own book concern.

4th. We suggest the adoption of the recommendations of the president, to wit:

Recommendation 1. That paragraphs 1 and 2 of the report of the "Special Committe on President's Parsonage Committee" (Minutes of 1903, page 48) be published in the Manual as the standing rule for the guidance of the president and the agent of the president's parsonage in the management of the per centage to be paid from the president's salary to the agent, and the respective expenses

to be paid therefrom by the agent. These paragraphs are as follows: Paragraph "That the conference endorse the action of the committee in the purchase of the property, No. 1420 Linden Ave., Baltimore, as the president's parsonage''. Paragraph 2. "That the assessment of \$3,000 be continued under the name of president's salary to be apportioned as follows: Seventy-five per cent. of the amount raised to be paid to the president as his salary and travelling expenses. Twenty-five per cent of the amount raised to be paid to the Agent of the President's Parsonage, who shall pay out of this amount, first, the interest on the purchase money; second, the water rent, insurance and needful repairs of the property; third, the reduction of the principal of the loan. seems better than to charge the interest against the president's salary as rent, because on the latter plan the president occupying the house the first five years would pay \$1,248.95 while the next occupant would pay in the same length of time only \$440.95, owing to the constant reduction of the principal of the debt. This plan will extinguish the debt in eleven years, while it will take twelve years on the other plan. And when the loan is paid off the conference assessment will simply be reduced to include the president's salary and travelling expenses as before."

Recommendation 2. That the president's parsonage be named in our financial tables at a valuation of \$6,000, and that the book room building also be named in the same tables at a valuation of \$22,000.

Recommendation 3. That the second part of Rule XXVII. in the manual be amended by striking out and adding after the word "Conference", (in the sixth line) to make it read: "And on Sunday afternoon during the session, immediately following the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, memorial services for the deceased shall be observed". And that Rule XXVIII. be so amended as to read: "On Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered".

R. S. ROWE, Chairman.

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PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS.

Years Years					
AccomacR. K. Lewis	4	FederalsburgH. F. Wright	3		
AlexandriaJ. H. S. Ewell	4	FeltonW. B. Elliott	1		
Alnutt MemorialJ. W. Kirk	4	Finksburg S. F. Cassen	1		
AmeliaF. M. Clift	2	First ChurchA. S. Beane	3		
Baltimore J. L. Straughn	4	Fox Hill G. F. Norris	1		
BedfordG. R. Donaldson	3	Franklin CityA. W. Mather	3		
Belair Dorsey Blake	2	FrederickG. J. Hill	4		
One to be supplied.	İ	Georgetown, D. CT. O. Crouse	1		
BethanyJ. W. Norris	1	Georgetown, DelE. D. Stone	1		
BroadwayG. Q. Bacchus	1	Georgetown Cir To be supplied.			
Brooklyn J. B. Jones	1	Greenwood C. E. Dryden	1		
CambridgeJ. L. Elderdice	1	GroveH. E. Nelson	1		
CampbellE. E. Parsons	1	HampdenD. W. Austine	1		
Cannon E. L. Bunce, (supply)	1	Harbeson F. L. Stevens	2		
CarolineT. H. Wright	4	Harpers Ferry and			
CecilJ. F. Bryan	1	Middleway G. F. Farring	5		
CentervilleB. W. Kindley	3	Harrington	3		
Chesapeake J. W. Parris	1	Heathsville J. F. Wooden	2		
ChestertownD. L. Greenfield	4	HowardH. L. Schlincke	2		
ChincoteagueE. H. Jones	1	HurlockC. M. Zepp	1		
Christ ChurchClayborne Phillips	1	Indian RiverJ. E. Maloy	2		
Clayton G. R. McCready	2	JeffersonE. C. Makosky	2		
Clinton HillC. M. Compher	4	Jones MemorialTo be supplied.	4		
ConcordA. H. Green	4	Keen MemorialA. A. Bichell	3		
Conquest A. A. Harryman	2	KemptownJ. A. Wright	3		
CrisfieldW. S. Phillips	3	Kennedyville R. S. Rowe	3		
Crumpton E. O. Ewing	2	Kent IslandF. H. Mullineaux	4		
CumberlandW. A. Melvin	3	LaurelW. J. Neepier	1		
G. 1). Edmondston, supernumerary	4	LawsoniaTo be supplied.			
Deer CreekG. R. Hodge	3	LeedsJ. T. Lassell	2		
Deer ParkA. T. Evans, (supply)	1	LewistownTo be supplied.	2		
DelmarE. S. Fooks	1	LibertyC. K. McCaslin	4		
	1	LisbonS. A. Hoblitzell	4		
DeltaJ. D. Keith, (supply) DentonB. P. Truitt	4	LynchburgJ. H. Straughn	4		
DorchesterJ. E. Nicholson	1		1		
•	1	MardelaE. P. Perry MarinersH. O. Keen	2		
Dover and LeipsicJ. L. Nichols					
East BaltimoreJ. D. Kinzer	1 3	MarleyW. P. Roberts, (supply)	1		
EastonW. R. Graham	1	Millville F. P. Krauss	2		
ElizabethW. H. Litsinger		MiltonG. W. Hines	1		
Eutaw S. W. Coe	1	Montgomery B. A. Bryan	1		
EvergreenG. I. Humphreys	1	Mount NeboD. M. Dibble	1		
FairfaxP. W. Crosby	2	Mount TaborJ. E. Litsinger	1		
FairviewTo be supplied.	4	Newark, N. JF. C. Klein	4		
Fawn GroveL. A. Bennett	1	Newmarket C. M. Cullum	2		

Yea	*5	Years
Nichols MemorialC. E. Redeker	1	West BaltimoreJ. M. Holmes 1
North BaltimoreF. H. Lewis	6	Westminster L. F. Warner 3
W. M. Poisal, supernumerary.	1	West Wilmington W. N. Sherwood 1
North Carolina Avenue. A. N. Ward	6	Williamsport. N. C. Clough, (supply) 1
David Wilson, supernumerary	8	WilmingtonG. L. Wolfe 9
Oak Grove and Prince Georges,		WyeB. F. Ruley 3
To be supplied.		
OxfordW. M. Strayer	2	SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.
ParksleyW. B. Judefind	5	President of Western Maryland Col-
Payson StreetG. J. Hooker	2	legeT. H. Lewis 19
Patapsco W. S. Sims, (supply)	1	President of Westminster Theolog-
Pipe CreekC. E. McCullough	3	ical SeminaryH. L. Elderdice 8
PittsvilleG. A. Morris	4	Editor of The Methodist Protest.
Pocomoke CircuitF. J. Phillips	2	ant F. T. Tagg 13
Pocomoke City G. M. Clayton	2	Agent of the Baltimore Book Con-
Potomac J. W. Gray	3	cernT. R. Woodford 1
Powellville G. H. Stocksdale	3	LOANED.
QuanticoC. J. Burdette, (supply)	2	Loaned to the Board of Home Mis-
Queen Anne	1	sionsT. P. Revelle 5
RelianceThomas Wheeler	3	Loaned to the Board of Foreign Mis-
Rhode Island AvenneJ. M. Gill	4	sions E. H. Van Dyke 15
RowlandvilleG. E. Brown	1	Loaned to Clark Memorial Church,
SalemF. A. Holland	2	BaltimoreJ. S. Bowers 14
SalisburyS. J. Smith	5	Loaned to St. John's Church, Balti-
SeafordJ. W. Balderson	6	moreF. T. Benson 3
Snow HillAvery Donovan	5	
South BaltimoreJ. L. Mills	1	LEFT WITHOUT APPOINTMENTS AT
StarrG. W. Haddaway	3	THEIR OWN REQUEST.
Stewartstown Louis Randall	1	W. S. Hammond 4
St. James J. M. Sheridan	2	C. S. Arnett 2
St. John'sJ. R. Gaar, (supply)	1	E. A. Warfield
St. Luke'sJ. W. Trout St. Michael'sJ. M. Dickey	1 4	SUPERANNUATES.
SusquehannaC. P. Nowlin	5	S. B. Southerland 20
Sussex J. M. Yingling	2	J. A. Weigand
Talbot C. R. Strausburg	- 1	W. J. D. Lucas
TrinityS. B: Tredway	1	W. A. Crouse
UnionH. W. D. Johnson	3	H. C. Cushing
Union Bridge E. T. Read	3	J. J. Murray 6
VioletvilleR. L. Shipley	2	C. H. Littleton
WaltersvilleJ. L. Ward	2	A. D. Dick 6
WarwickF. S. Cain	1	J. G. Sullivan
Waverly J. McLain Brown		W. D. Litsinger 1
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OF AGENT NEW PRESIDENT'S PARSONAGE.

To The Maryland Annual Confere

Receipts.

1902.	
Dec. 19 Cheque from President F. T. Little\$ 50.00	
1903.	
Mch. 21 Cheque from President F. T. Little	
Nov. 14 " " … 200.00	
Mch. 15 " " "	
Meh. 23 " " " … 125.46	•
Mch. 23 Bills for Repairs paid by President Little 19.54	\$870.00
Disbursements.	
1903,	
Mch. 21 Paid T. A. Murray, Treasurer, on acc't of 6 months,	
Interest at 5 per cent. on \$5909.15 = \$147.72 125.00	
Nov. 21 Paid for taking 2 loads out of sink 8.00	
Dec. 10 '' 1903 Water Tax 8.00	
1904.	_
Jan. 25 Paid for 1904 Water Tax	
Mch.12 Reimbursed Mr. Daniel Baker for Fire Insurance 23,98	
Mch. 12 " " " 8.82	
Mch. 16 Paid T. A. Murray, Treasurer, 12 months, Interest on	
\$5905.15 at 5 per cent	
Bills for Repairs paid by President during year 19.54	****
April 6 Balance to Credit of Parsonage	\$870.09
JARRETT N. GILI	BERT.
In account with old President's Parsonage Funds.	
1903.	
April 1 Balance due Parsonage as per Report to Maryland An-	
nual Conference	
May 6 1 months Rent from Rev. A. D. Melvin, due April 15 12.50	
June 15 1 " " " May 15 12.50	
Amount due from old Parsonage Fund and now subject to the	
order of proper authorities	\$71.80
JARRETT N. GILBERT, A.	gent.

REPORT B

Of The Secretary

To The Maryland Annual Conference:

In submitting my financial report, which I recommend referred to the Board of Finauce for audit, I would direct your attention to a fact that might That is, instead of a cash balance of \$58.96, there is really a be overlooked. deficit of \$31.24, and is explained thus: In accordance with resolution 9 of the last session, one thousand copies of the Historical Record, prepared by Dr. T. H. Lewis, were printed and distributed at a cost of \$191.93. time there was not sufficient money in hand to meet this expense by about \$90.00, for which amount the Committee on Publication gave a six-month note. This note will not be due until April 12th, hence must be carried over into next year's expense account. However, if the pastors meet their assessment as usual and no extra expense is incurred, we will be able to pay this and have a small cash balance at the end of next year.

Receipts.

1903.			
April 1.	Balance from 1902,	\$97.66	
April 6.	From T. R. Woodford, Conference Steward,	217.60	
Aug. 21.	From sale of Minutes,	3,00	
Oct. 12.	From 6-mo., \$90.00-note, less discount,	87.15	
	Advanced assessments, various charges,	84.00	
		\$489.41	

Expenditures.

Publishing and distributing 1800 copies Minutes,	\$210.33
Publishing 1000 copies Historical Record,	191.93
Expressage on conference trunk,	.60
Postage and stationary,	7.54
Elder's Credentials,	53.45
Licenses to Administer Ordinances,	2.00
Printing, sundries,	4.75
1000 large envelopes, metal fasteners,	7.50
Expressage on same,	. 35
	\$ 430.45
Amount in hands of secretary,	58.96

\$489,41 Due Bank of Crisfield on note dated Oct. 12, 1903, \$90.00

W. S. PHILLIPS, Secretary of the Conference.

April 6, 1904.

REPORT C

Of The Board of Finance

The Board of Finance respectfully reports as follows:

. We have examined the report of the Secretary of the Conference with vouchers, and found it correct.

We have also examined the report of the Agent of the President's Parsonage and found it correct as far as we were able to examine it, not having the vouchers in our possession. We recommend that the balance in the hands of the agent of the old parsonage, amounting to \$71.80 be paid on the debt of the new parsonage.

In accordance with the resolution adopted by the conference, we have assessed \$350 upon the district, for General Conference Expenses, upon the basis of one-eighth of the president's salary, and recommend that pastors be requested to collect this assessment and remit the same to Rev. T. R. Woodford, 316 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md., not later than May 9, 1904.

We have apportioned the various assessments on the charges as ordered by the conference.

J. M. SHERIDAN, Chairman.

REPORT D

Faculty of Instruction

We report of the third year's class, that J. H. Straughn having been previously ordained, has complied with his promise to pursue the course of study until completed, was given 100 in Hebrew and 100 in Greek, and is passed through the course. That Thomas Wheeler has completed the course of study and is recommended for ordination.

Of the second year's class, we report that E. H. Jones and C. R. Strausburg are passed to the third year: C. R. Strausburg was given 100 in Fisher's Church History, and, with E. H. Jones, 100 in Drinkhouse's History of Methodist Reform; and that H. H. Price having gone to another conference, is, with H. C. Staley, stricken from the list of students.

Of the first year's class, we report that D. M. Dibble, Clayborne Phillips and R. L. Shipley were each given 100 in Greek, and 100 in Hebrew, that G. J. Hooker and F. P. Krauss were given 100 in Greek, and with P. H. Crosby are passed to the second year.

Of the preparatory class, we recommend Benjamin A. Bryan, Gideon I. Humphreys, J. Ernest Litsinger and Ethol E. Parsons to be received on trial, and are passed into the first year's class.

Rev. C. E. Redeker, an ordained elder of the United Evangelical Church, who has been laboring on Nichols Memorial Charge for nearly a year, is hereby recommended for reception into the conference on his credentials.

We recommend that George E. Brown be ordained on the condition that he present annually for three years a thesis to the examiner in Theology; that

George J. Hooker and C. R. Strausburg be ordained, they giving the usual pledge in open conference to pursue the course of study until it is completed.

We recommend the ordination of P.W. Crosby.

We report that William B. Elliott, Frank M. Clift and George F. Norris are passed to the first year's class.

We recommend William B. Elliott, Frank M. Clift and George F. Norris to be received on trial.

We recommend that the renewal of the license to administer the ordinances be granted to E. H. Jones, D. M. Dibble, R. L. Shipley and F. P. Krauss, and that license to administer the ordinances be granted to Clayborne Phillips, J. Ernest Litsinger, E. E. Parsons, G. I. Humphreys and B. A. Bryan.

At the request of the President of the Conference, we recommend that Frank M. Clift and George F. Norris be licensed to administer the ordinances, and that the license of W. M. Jett be renewed.

S. B. SOUTHERLAND, President.

J. L. MILLS, Secretary.

REPORT E

Church Extension

OF THE COMMITTEE

We have given careful attention to all the business referred to your committee and would respectfully submit the following report:

We have read with a great deal of pleasure the report of the Baltimore City Church Extension Society, and are equally gratified at present condition of Christ Church and the splendid work of the society this year, and recommend that their report be adopted as a whole.

We recommend that \$4000.00 be assessed upon the district for church extension for the year 1904-05.

We call attention also to the following item, adopted last year:

That new enterprises expecting aid from the conference secure the approval of the Committee on Church Enterprises or their representatives, before making application to the conference.

BOUNDARIES.

We recommend 1st. That Hollywood Charge be united with Amelia and the churches be known as Amelia Charge.

2nd. That Cannon Church be detached from Greenwood Charge and made a separate charge known as Cannon.

3rd. That Lauraville be placed in the hands of the president to be supplied from some adjacent charge.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Baltimore (for church improvements at Towson))	 		 \$ 75.00
Bethany				
Broadway (same condition as last year)		 		 250.00

Clinton Hill (interest on loan)
Clinton Hill (interest on loan)
Christ Church (appropriated last year)
Cumberland (on condition they raise \$500)
Crumpton (on salary) 50.00
Deer Creek (on salary)
Denton (on salary)
Dover (on salary)
Felton (on condition that church be moved to new lot recently purchased) 75.00
Federalsburg (on salary)
First Church, Washington (on interest)
Greenwood (on debt, on condition they raise \$500) 200.00
Georgetown, Del. (provided they raise \$400)
Keen Memorial (on debt same condition as last year to be used under di-
rection of Board of Managers of the Conference Church Extension
Society)
Lynchburg (provided married man is sent)
Montgomery (on salary)
Millville (on salary)
North Carolina Ave. (Washington, D.C.)
Nicholls Memorial (on condition that they build a church at Glen Burnie). 100.00
Powellville (on salary)
Pocomoke Circuit (on salary)
Quantico (on salary)
St. Michael's (on salary)
Seaford (appropriated last year)
Snow Hill (provided they raise \$750)
West Wilmington (on interest)
Wye (on condition that they build a new church)
B. P. TRUITT. Chairman.

B. P. TRUITT, Chairman.

OF THE BALTIMORE CITY CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY

To The Maryland Annual Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN:-

We come again to submit to you our annual report. It will be remembered that we called your attention to the earnest efforts of the people of Christ Church in the report of last year and committed ourselves to a proposition to assist them in the erection of a church on North Avenue.

You committed this enterprise to the care of this society and we have given the whole matter our careful and constant consideration. We wish to record our appreciation of the frankness and courtesy with which Rev. W. N. Sherwood, the pastor, has dealt with this society. He has always been easy of approach and ready to heed the advice of this society.

Early in the fall of last year, under the leadership of Mrs. A. R. Jones, the noble women of our society, with the assistance of others of like blessed character from the churches of our city, projected and held a bazaar, the

proceeds of which were to meet our promise to this conference and further the financial interests of Christ Church. Permit us to say that Methodist Protestants were never more united, nor did they ever work with greater zeal for the accomplishment of a noble purpose, than our noble people of Baltimore during the three nights of this successful bazaar.

We do not exult where exultation is not in place, but think a measure of praise is due the faithful women of our Baltimore churches for the completion of the most successful financial undertaking in the history of this society's work.

Our treasurer, Mrs. C. A. Benjamin, paid over to the building committee of Christ Church within a few cents of \$830, and the end is not yet. On the Sabbath, Apr. 10th, a neat and comfortable chapel will be opened for divine service as the result of the three forces—this conference, the people of Christ Church and this society. We trust this church may continue to receive the generous support of this conference.

We have given careful attention to our church interests at Waverly, and have no change to make in our report of last year concerning the work in this place. We do pray, however, that this coming year may be one of great awakening in this place, where so much of our time and money have been spent. We again request that this conference appoint a pastor to Waverly, to serve under the advice and direction of this society.

To Mrs. T. A. Reese and the other elect ladies of the Methodist Protestant Church, whose gifts of money and labors of love have inspired and helped us to succeed, we hereby record our grateful thanks, and to this conference, whose servants we are, we hereby declare our readiness to co-operate in any work for the extension of our beloved church within the bounds of this great city of Baltimore.

Most respectfully,

JOHN S. BOWERS, President.

OF THE STEWARD

Summary.

Summary.	
Amount assessed on the District	\$4178.00
From assessment on the District\$3425.00	
From Annual Dues	\$3532.00
Paid.	
Last year's loan returned	
Expenses to date	\$850.98
Funds for Distribution on this year's Appropriations	\$2681.02
Appropriations for 1904-05.	
Baltimore, J. L. Straughn\$ 50	
Broadway, E. D. Stone	
Christ Church, J. S. Boweis 300	

Denton, B. P. Truitt. Lauraville, (Board of Managers). Dover, J. F. Bryan. Federalsburg, H. F. Wright. First Church, A. S. Beane. Keen Memorial, (Board of Man'gs of Balto. City Ch. Society). Lawsonia. Lynchburg, G. Q. Bacchus Millville, F. P. Krauss. Montgomery. North Carolina Avenue, A. N. Ward. Powellville, G. H. Stocksdale. Quantico, C. J. Burdette. St. Michael's, J. M. Dickey. Seaford, J. W. Balderston Snow Hill, Avery Donovan West Wilmington, J. L. Nichols. Wilmington, G. L. Wolfe. Wye, B. F. Ruley. South Baltimore, E. S. Fooks.	50 50 200 100 100 50 175 50 250 25 75 25 100 250 100 100 25	j
Paid		\$2,950.00

Balance 42c.

The foregoing table does not include Clinton Hill and the appropriation

The foregoing table does not include Clinton Hill and the appropriation of \$500, nor that of St. Luke's, Philadelphia, of \$100, as the conditions were not met. Per centum, 75-90-100. By resolution the steward borrowed the balance at 5 per cent. amounting to \$268.98, and payments are made in full.

Respectfully submitted,

E. S. FOOKS, Steward.

REPORT F

Superannuates

OF THE COMMITTEE

Your Committee on Superannuates respectfully submits the following report:

1st. We recommend that \$4,500.00 be assessed on the district for distribution next year.

2nd. We recommend that Rev. W. D. Litsinger be transferred to the list of superannuates.

3rd. We recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year:

Rev.	W. A. Crouse	\$200	Mrs.	Thomas Lee\$100
6.6	H. C. Cushing		((W. F. Livingston 75
6 6	A. D. Dick			R. L. Lewis
6.6	W. D. Litsinger	400		J. A. McFaden
6.6	C. H. Littleton	350	66	E. R. McGregor 75
6.6	W. J. D. Lucas	300		A. D. Melvin
6 6	J. J. Murray	200	"	C. B. Middleton 150
6.6	S. B. Southerland	550	"	H. E. Miskimon
6.6	J. G. Sullivan	250	"	J. K. Nichols 125
6.6	J. A. Weigand	325	"	R. S. Norris
Mrs.	W. C. Ames	75	"	J. E. Read 100
6 6	D. Bowers		"	John Roberts
6 6	B. F. Benson	250	"	D. A. Shermer 75
6.6	J. W. Charlton	200	"	G. J. Smith 175
6 6	C. T. Cochel	75	"	C. M. Thompson
6 6	H. J. Day	150	"	S. G. Valiant 125
. 6	W. T. Dumm	250		A. J. Walter 275
6 6	J. M. Elderdice	200	6.6	R. S. Williamson 250
6 6	J. H. Ellegood	125	6.6	P. L. Wilson 125
6.6	W. J. Floyd	175	Orph	an children of Rev. T. E.
6.6	S. T. Ferguson	200		ulbourne (to be paid to their
6.6	D. N. Gilbert	175		gal representatives) 300
6.6	J. L. Kilgore.	200		, ,
	4th. The fund paid last year	8 96.4	on e	each \$100.00 appropriated.
	1			A. W. MATHER, Chairman.
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OF THE STEWARD

Receipts

Titotopis		
Balance from 1902-3	\$ 3.68	
1903.		
Oct. 7 Check from Treasurer	2200.00	
1904.		
Feb. 26 Check from Treasurer	50.00	
Mch. 16 Check from Rev. Thomas Wheeler.		
Mch. 21 Check from Treasurer		
April 7 Check from Treasurer		
April 7 Collection from District	3129,00	
April 7 Annual Dues		\$8372, 29
Disbursemer		,
Oct. 8 Checks to Claimants	\$2195.20	
April 10 Checks to Claimants		
April 10 Expenses Corresponding Secretary		
April 10 Expenses of Steward		
April 10 Check to Treasurer (Investment)	100.50	\$8372.29
Per centum paid, 96.4.		•
•	W. H. LITSINGER, Ster	ward.

REPORT G

Literature

OF THE COMMITTEE

Your Committee on Literature begs leave to submit the following as a

partial report:

We have heard with great interest of the action of the Baltimore Book Directory in selecting Rev. T. R. Woodford for the position of Agent of the Book Concern, subject to the action of the General Conference.

We recommend that the directory's request for the loan of Rev. T. R. Wood-

ford for the position be granted.

Your Committee on Literature respectfully submit the following report: The report of the Baltimore Book Directory imparts the very gratifying information that a centrally-located and thoroughly well-adapted property has been purchased at 316 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, Md., for our publishing It is an achievement which inaugurates a new era in our denominational progress, inspiring hope and confidence throughout our borders. cause for great rejoicing that no debt exists to burden the management and impede development, and that under thorough organization, and capable leadership our Book Concern enters upon its career splendidly equipped for substantial results. That great care and wisdom were exercised in selecting the location, and that a safe and profitable investment was made, are fully evidenced by the fact that recently an offer of several thousand dollars in excess of the purchase price was made for our property, and many considerations point to the steady enhancement of values in that section of the city. Your committee feels that the lasting gratitude of the church is due the committee for its painstaking care and unceasing efforts put forth to secure for the church this valuable property which is, in part, a monument to their devotion and labor of love.

It is a reasonable expectation that the rentals and the profits of the Book Concern will provide in due time a fund for the erection of a more commodious structure as will, doubtless, be required by the demands of the future. The rentals are provided, but the business of the Book Concern must come from our church people mainly, and loyalty and self-interest justify the expectation that our pastors and people will now patronize our own Book Concern, for we have authority to say that the agent will guarantee that quality and price will equal that of other establishments. We, therefore, earnestly urge all our pastors to bring to the attention of our people the importance and benefit of purchasing

all their supplies at our own Book Concern.

We heartily join the Baltimore Directory in acknowledging the valuable services which Rev. F. T. Tagg rendered as agent since the death of Brother Dulany more than three years ago, and we feel that high commendation is due for his efficient business control which produced a gain at the close of this quadrennium of \$4,605.64 as compared with the close of the former, marked, as it was, by such a decline in the business as to necessitate considerable retrenchment.

As supplemental to our partial report approved by the conference, we recommend that our new agent, Rev. T. R. Woodford, be most heartily commended to our people in all the churches, and that he be given the assurance of the continued interest and support of the conference that he may enter upon and prosecute his duties with every element of hopefulness and success.

The report of the Twentieth Century Fund shows that \$15,209.67 in cash and subscriptions has been secured. Of this amount over \$900 in subscriptions remains unpaid to date. Appreciating the fact that the agent of this fund exerted himself to the utmost to secure these pledges, and has no suggestions to offer, your committee can make none save that attention be drawn to these unpaid subscriptions in the "Methodist Protestant" occasionally in the hope that the financial condition of some may so improve as to enable them to meet their obligations.

The "Methodist Protestant" has continued without interruption its weekly visits to our people as the loyal exponent of our doctrines and governmental principles, and as the fearless advocate of all measures and enterprises tending to uplift men. It has steadily championed all our denominational interests, fostered denominational allegiance and stood for true Christian fraternity, and has, without fear or favor, warned of perils, assailed evils, maintained high standards, and has commanded the respect of, and been extensively quoted by the religious press of our land. In its modernized and convenient form, its illustrative features, its new departmental arrangement and improvements, and reasonable price, it is a credit to the denomination, a potent force which touches our church life and activities at every point, and it ought for its own sake, apart from other vital considerations, to secure a large increase in its subscription list at once. All our pastors and delegates are urged to renewed diligence and efforts to secure subscribers. Here is offered a work for the church, and fruitage means enrichment and development in other departments.

The same emphasis is needed in regard to our Sunday-school publications. Nothing can be so good for the young life of our church as our own literature. The attempts of publishers to introduce their publications in our schools should be guarded against as far as possible. We direct to the attention of all concerned the requirement in the discipline (page 67, Sec. 8).

We call special attention to Rev. H. C. Cushing's recent publication, "The Origin and Authority of the Christian Sabbath". Our pastors would do a good work to have it scattered among our people. Its price, 10 cts. per copy, puts it within the reach of all.

We also note with much interest the action of the conference in ordering the excellent sermon preached by Rev. J. L. Elderdice at the opening of this conference session, published in pamphlet form. It is deserving of a very wide circulation.

F. C. KLEIN, Chairman.

OF THE BALTIMORE BOOK DIRECTORY

The Maryland Annual Conference.

DEAR BRETHREN:--

We are pleased to report that since the last meeting of the conference, a building well suited to the purposes of the Baltimore Book Drectory has been purchased. This property is located at No. 316 North Charles Street, Baltimore; was purchased in April 1903, and occupied by the directory for the general purposes of the "Methodist Protestant" and Book Concern in July following.

We do not believe a more eligible location could have been selected. It is in the very centre of the business section of one of the best thoroughfares in the city; a section, too, which, since the destructive fire which swept through a large part of the business portion of the city, has come into more than usual prominence, and which, it is believed, will hereafter be a business centre of great importance. The building is sufficiently large to accommodate all our present needs, leaving us several valuable rooms for rent. The price paid for the property, in fee, including expenses for examining of title, etc., was about \$21,000.

We think the church is to be congratulated upon having acquired, for its publishing interests, a property in every way so desirable, fulfilling a long cherished wish of our people, that we might have a property of our own, to be occupied by and for the general use of the Baltimore Book Directory and

the "Methodist Protestant."

We believe that with judicious management, we are now in a condition to enter upon a much enlarged business career. Looking to this end, the directory has, for months, been considering the selection of an agent and publisher. Dr. Tagg, as is known, has been acting as agent since the death of Brother Dulany, but was only willing to add these duties to those of the editorship until some other arrangement could be made. The directory begs to acknowledge the valuable services which Dr. Tagg has rendered during this time,

as Agent of the Book Concern.

We have selected Rev. T. R. Woodford for this position and ask the conference to assign him to this work, subject to the action of the General Conference. The following statement is included here in order that the conference may have at this time a clear understanding of the present condition of the business as compared with that of four years ago. Four years ago at the close of the fiscal year, February 28th, 1900, the directory was confronted with a large decrease in the business of the concern. Decided retrenchment in running expenses became necessary to meet the losses of the preceeding three years. Accordingly a reduction in salaries was made for the year ending with February 1901 amounting to \$660. Every salaried individual connected with the book concern and periodical suffered a reduction in amount of salary for the year. In February 1901, just two weeks before the fiscal year expired, Mr. Dulany, who had been the agent and publisher for a quarter of a century, died. The balance sheet for that year showed a profit of \$787.43, or \$127.43 in excess of

the sum saved by reducing salaries. The salaries have been kept at the reduced sum, (making an annual reduction in the running expenses of the concern of \$660) because the business to the present time has not justified the directory in increasing them. The close of the present quadrennium will show a gain of \$4,605.64 over the previous four years, and is to be accounted for as follows: Cash saved in running expenses by reductions in salaries for

The business of the concern for the past year has been satisfactory, and we feel sure our publishing interests have never had so bright and encouraging an outlook. We, however, have need of, and urgently request the earnest co-operation of the church, in increasing the circulation of the "Methodist Protestant", in extending our Sunday-school literature and in building up in Baltimore, a Book Concern worthy of the Methodist Protestant Church.

We especially ask that a strong and general effort be made to enlarge the subscription list of the "Methodist Protestant". With the first issue of the present calendar year, the paper appeared in its new form and in its new dress, thus adding greatly, as we think, to its appearance and to the convenience of its readers.

There is no agency of our church which so accurately measures the denominational spirit of our people, as the "Methodist Protestant"; the paper that has stood for Methodist Protestantism, through all its history, and which was established and read and loved by our fathers. We submit that the subscription list of this paper tells whether or not we are, as a church, maintaining the loyalty of the fathers and are true to the denominational spirit which they exhibited in their heroic lives. Let the "Protestant" be sent into every Methodist Protestant home.

And now that we are surrounded by new and improved conditions, and are working and hoping for larger usefulness to the church, let everything connected with our publishing interests be a matter of individual concern with the ministers and laymen of the Maryland District. This being done, we shall, under the blessing of God, hail the coming of a new and brighter day.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. CLARKE, President.

F. T. LITTLE, Secretary.

OF JOINT COMMITTEE TO PURCHASE BOOK CONCERN BUILDING

Your committee, known as the Joint Committee of the Baltimore Book Directory and the Maryland Annual Conference, and which was raised at the conference session in Crisfield in 1899, respectfully reports that it has, after most extended and serious consideration of the important matter committed to it, concluded its duties by purchasing the fee-simple property, No. 316 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Md., for the use of the Baltimore Book Directory,

in accordance with the action of the conference, and the said property has been deeded to the trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference and is now our property.

J. G. CLARKE, Chairman,

F. T. LITTLE, Secretary.

OF THE AGENT OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY FUND

Dr.

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By check to Daniel Baker, Treasurer of the Trustees	
of the Maryland Annual Conference, June 1, 1903 \$13,69	96.67
By cash paid to F.T. Tagg, Agent Book Concern 18	59.00
To expense account for five years	66.84
To unpaid subscriptions on books	87.16

\$15, 209.67

The unpaid subscriptions still on the books naturally suggest a question in the minds of the members of the conference, and you ask, What about these unpaid pledges? Well, some of the subscribers have died, some others have met with misfortunes and are not now able to pay, but a large number have not assigned any reason for not meeting the payment of any part of the amounts which they subscribed (with a very few exceptions) three or four years ago. Your agent has no suggestions to make regarding the matter, but simply submits the facts to the conference. The agent has no money in hand, having turned it all over to the Treasurer of the Trustees of the Conference at the time of the purchase of the property, and since then to the Agent of the Book Concern to be used for the same purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

F. T. LITTLE, Agent.

Baltimore, Md., March 31st, 1904.

REPORT H

Of The Committe On Sunday-Schools

We recognize with increasing conviction the importance of the Sunday school as a vital factor in our church work. It is indeed a part of the plan for winning souls. To accomplish this end successfully the schools should be made as attractive as possible, and the officers and teachers should be men and women of unquestioned piety and consecration. Added to this there should be

adaptation of variety of methods according to the peculiar needs of the school. We must study both to win and hold the children and young people to the church. As the Gospel is practical in its purpose we should likewise be practical in teaching and applying the lesson, having ever in mind the salvation of those under our instruction.

We recommend the continuance of Decision Day services, believing them to be excellent means for encouraging the children of the Sunday schools to publicly confess Christ. The plan for attaining success is public appeal, prayer and personal persuasion in private or in the class. We urge the loyal and general circulation of our own Sunday-school literature and lesson helps, which are undoubtedly second to none, and which are adapted so as to meet all requirements of successful Sunday-school work. The Easter service, which has the endorsement of the General Conference, and which has proven a prolific source of income to the Board of General Home Missions, as well as an educator of this important work of the church, we would urge to be as generally used by our schools as circumstances will permit.

We also call special attention to the Children's Day service for the instruction of our people upon the subject of Foreign Missions and in the collection of funds to efficiently and successfully send the Gospel to the heathen.

We are gratified to know that a member of this conference, Rev. F. H. Mullineaux, has been honored with the appointment as a delegate to the World's Fourth Sunday-School Convention to be held in the city of Jerusalem, Palestine, April 18 to 20, 1904. May God's blessing rest upon said convention, and make it a blessing to the universal cause of Sanday schools.

J. W. TROUT, Chairman.

REPORT I

Of The Committee On Temperance

We are glad to report that temperance sentiment is growing. The drinking habit is meeting with disapproval in many places. The industrial world is no longer willing to tolerate it among its employees. Positions of trust and of skilled labor are no longer open to men who frequent the saloon and "Tarry long at the wine." Transportation companies require that their employees shall be sober as well as industrious. We believe that this is having a wholesome influence in the great temperance reform.

We hope that this frowning upon drinking and encouraging total abstinence by the industrial world will continue until all men shall realize that temperance is an essential qualification for employment.

We believe that the thoughtful people are opening their eyes more and more to the evil of the liquor traffic. In some parts of the nation "wet" cities

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and counties have been changed into "dry", because thoughtful voters have seen the great evil of the saloon and voted it out of their communities. We wish that this improvement of vision might extend to the thoughtful people everywhere until the closing of the saloon shall be secured all over the land.

We rejoice in the gratifying progress made by the W. C. T. U., the Anti-Saloon League, the National Reform Bureau and other temperance organizations, and would urge them to continue to do all they can to increase public sentiment and to secure wise legislation, so as to increase soberness among all classes and to remove temptation to "look upon the wine when it is red and giveth its color in the cup."

1. We recommended that our preachers emphasize temperance in their preaching, and that Sabbath-school instructors faithfully teach the temperance lessons, seeking to plant in the hearts of their pupils the great truths of the

Bible upon temperance.

2. We recommend that the wide-awake temperance sentinels keep the church well informed about the movements of the Liquor Dealers' Association so that Christian men and women may be prepared to meet them and checkmate the intentions of the enemy.

3. We recommend that Thursday evening of the Conference of 1905 be set apart for a Temperance Mass Meeting and that Brothers Daniel Baker and Dr. E. B. Fenby be appointed a committee to secure a speaker of national reputation, and be empowered to secure the necessary funds and have charge of said meeting.

4. We recommend that three members of this conference be appointed by the president to serve as members of the Executive Committee of the Anti-Saloon

League in compliance with the request of said league.

5. That this conference approves of the action of State's Attorney Owens, of Baltimore, in his efforts to suppress the illicit sale of intoxicating liquors, and the sale of intoxicants on the Sabbath day, and that we pledge him our hearty support in his work.

W. J. NEEPIER, Chairman.

REPORT K

Benevolent Agencies

OF THE COMMITTEE

With profound gratitude to Almighty God, who holds the hearts of the children of men and who possesses the riches of the earth, the Committee on Benevolent Agencies beg leave to report the continuous gifts of Mrs. Tamsey A. Reese—\$200 to the Maryland State Bible Society; \$200 to the Maryland Sunday School Union; \$100 to the Baltimore City Church Extension Soiety, and the unknown quantity of that perenniel stream of untrumpeted beneficence that has helped many a church in its struggles to self-sustentation and has gladdened the

hearts of many a financially distressed itinerant preacher, whose meagre salary had put him and his family upon the ragged edge of despair. She needs no eulogium, she asks for no praise, but she lives in the hearts of the preachers of this conference and will be perpetuated in the divine utilities of their posterity to the last syllable of recorded time. God bless this noble-hearted woman.

We also gratefully note the donation by Mrs. A. C. Schurman in furnishing library room for the Our Church Home, in memory of Dr. Alfred Schurman. Also the gift by will of Mrs. M. J. Zollikoffer of \$200 to North Baltimore Church; \$200 to the Superannuate Fund Society and \$200 to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The ground-rent, amounting to \$60 per annum, by Mrs. E. J. Baile to Pipe Creek Church. And the gift of \$500 to Western Maryland College and \$500 to the Board of Ministerial Education by our lamented brother Gaven Spence. Also the gift of the late Frederick M. Warner of \$500 to Our Church Home, and \$500 to the Superannuate Fund, and the lots given by the cemetery board in Westminster cemetery.

We would not forget, by way of parenthesis, to express our sympathy for the Bible and Tract Societies in the loss of annual income from the recent fire in Baltimore. In conclusion, we note with reverent gratitude the magnificient bequeathment of Dr. E. J. Drinkhouse, which has been presented to this conference in the forceful and concise form of legal lucidity by the trained lawyer, T. A. Murray. We embody his report in this report as the very best form of verbal expression. And we in conclusion extend to the widow of our dear brother our profound sympathy as she sits in the shadow of an unspeakable sorrow, but knowing that her loss is his gain gives a bright lining to the clouds.

We recommend Rev. G. R. Donaldson for Life Director, and Rev. F. J. Phillips for Life Member in the Maryland Bible Society. All of which is respectfully submitted.

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OF BIBLE AND TRACT STEWARD

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We are under obligations, and return thanks to the railroad and steamboat companies for reduced rates; the Remington Typewriter Co., for the loan of a type-writer; to our secretary and his assistants; the board of stewards, and the conference postmaster for their efficient services.

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We examined the financial reports of the various churches, and were grieved to find that over sixty charges were short in their conference assessments or church benevolencies, and that, whereas some of the shortages were very small, in others the deficiency was large, but we have not found in any case a disposition to disregard the conference authority. We believe, however, that these deficiencies are due to inefficient methods or tardiness in beginning this important work, and your committee would recommend that an hour be set apart by the conference for discussion as to the best method of raising conference assessments.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. KINZER, Chairman.

REPORT N

Education

OF THE COMMITTEE

Your committee respectfully submits the following report concerning the important interests referred to us:

We have carefully read and considered the reports of the Board of Governors of the Westminster Theological Seminary and of the President of Western Maryland College. Both of these papers give gratifying and encouraging information relative to the two educational institutions in which this conference is so vitally interested. These reports have been read in the hearing of the conference and are herewith submitted for publication in the minutes. It seems proper, however, that we call attention to some of the most important features of these papers and emphasize them.

Taking up first the report of the seminary, we desire to express our great gratification at the growth and efficiency of this well-managed institution. The Board of Governors and Dr. Elderdice, the president, are to be commended and the church is to be congratulated upon the progress that has been made under the present administration. We call attention to the fact that the roll of students is growing, nineteen having been registered this year—the largest number under the present administration. It is also of special interest to this conference to know that five of these students will graduate in May and take work within the bounds of the Maryland district.

We note with pleasure the employment of our honored and beloved Dr. Cushing in the faculty of the seminary. His eminent fitness for the duties assigned him will be recognized by all who know him, and we rejoice that our young men in their preparation for the ministry are to be brought under the influence of one who has been for so many years an ornament to the sacred calling.

We find occasion for grateful satisfaction in the growing interest manifested by our laymen in the scholarship fund, and we heartily commend to those whose means will allow, the excellent example of the individuals and churches who have contributed to this fund. In this connection we also record our grateful appreciation of the legacy of \$1,000 by the will of our honored Dr. Drinkhouse. This money is to be held in trust by the Educational Endowment Society, and the income used for the benefit of young men preparing for the ministry at the seminary. This is but another evidence of the generous thought of our departed brother and one of the monuments that will attest his love for the church of his early choice and of his intelligent devotion for more than fifty years. We trust his example will stimulate others of ample means to make provision in their mortuary bequests for the sustenance of this most important work of the church.

We recommend:

1. That the request of the Board of Governors for the assignment of Dr. H. L. Elderdice to the presidency of the seminary for the ensuing year be granted.

2. That the sum of \$1800 be assessed on the district for the use of the seminary, and that pastors give particular attention to securing the full amount assessed upon their respective charges.

3. That all the pulpits of the conference be opened for the representatives of the seminary, and every facility afforded them to present the work and claims of this institution to our people.

The report of the President of Western Maryland College shows that the past year has been one of healthy activity and advance. The student roll has been maintained at about its usual number, and plans have been formulated, and in part carried out, for increasing the material facilities for scientific study and physical training: a science hall has been provided and a new gymnasium projected.

The most important point in the report of the president, in the judgment of your committee, concerns the endowment fund. It is most gratifying to know that a substantial beginning has been made in this interest: the sum of \$11,001 is safely invested, and plans are contemplated for increasing that amount in the near future. It can scarcely be necessary for your committee to attempt here a demonstration of the imperative need of an endowment. Every one who has acquaintance with colleges and their history knows that an endowment is almost absolutely essential to their perpetuity and aggressive work. Upon good authority it is stated that there are 480 colleges and universities in the United States, and 365 of them are endowed. Of the 320 denominational colleges, if we except Roman Catholic schools, only 44 of them are without endowment. Does not this consensus of opinion among college authorities, and the preponderating action of those vitally interested in the permanence of these educational institutions, eloquently argue for the need of endowment for our college? Does not a consideration of the perils that attend a college dependent upon current receipts alone for the maintenance of its faculty and its running expenses, emphasize this need? We jeopardize the financial credit and even the life of our college so long as we fail to provide an adequate endowment for it. Recognizing this we rejoice in the growing interest felt in this conference toward this endowment fund. President Lewis has certain plans more or less definitely formed for increasing this fund. One of these plans as outlined in the report before us is, "to persuade those who have purchased the 2-per cent. college bonds to contribute them for endowment. The college will propose to redeem these bonds and pay the amount into the endowment fund." In the prosecution of this plan the president hopes for the co-operation of the conference to the extent of being released from the promise made in 1902, and fulfilled to the present time, to give as much from the receipts of the college as the collection from the district aggregates. Your committee believes that the conference can safely and wisely endorse the plans of the president of the college and commend them to the friends of that institution.

The report makes fitting reference to the death of our beloved brother, Doctor Melvin, Secretary of the Endowment Fund, whose lamented demise is recognized as a severe blow to this interest.

There is also grateful mention of the bequest of \$500 to the college by the will of the late Gaven Spence, of Newark, N.J. We too rejoice in this generous remembrance of our college by our honored and loyal brother who has gone to his heavenly reward. We can only hope that his example will be an inspiration to many others to remember the college when making their last will and testament.

T. O. CROUSE, Chairman.

OF THE PRESIDENT OF WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE

To The Maryland Annual Conference.

DEAR BRETHREN:-

For the eighteenth consecutive year I present to you a report of my work as President of Western Maryland College.

- 1. The past year has been for the college about as other recent years. We have had about the usual attendance, and the usual income with a somewhat increased expenditure. In fact we may look for this latter feature to become more prominent from year to year. As the institution grows its expenses increase faster than its income, because of the enlarged plant and the necessity of keeping abreast with competitors.
- 2. No extensive developments have been undertaken this year, but two important buildings have been provided. The gymnasium, having become too small for our school and not well located, was remodelled throughout and fitted up as a very complete science hall. We have just begun the erection of a new gymnasium which we think will not be excelled by any in the state. We have also purchased some additional ground to enlarge our athletic field and the whole will be graded. These improvements will cost about twelve thousand dollars.
- 3. The endowment of the college has passed, we trust, out of dreamland and may now be spoken of as a hopeful promise. This conference has contrib-

uted in the last three years to this object as follows: 1902, \$726; 1903, \$1339; 1904, \$1310; total, \$3375. The college has added to the fund during the same time out of its current income an amount equal to that contributed in the conference. And since 1888 we have been putting away sundry small gifts and savings which now aggregates \$4251. So that we have now what we need not be ashamed to speak of as the beginning of an endowment a fund of \$11,001. This is safely invested and the interest is constantly adding to the principal.

The illness and death of our beloved brother, Doctor Melvin, was a severe blow to this interest. His heart was in it and if he could have lived to mature and carry out his plans he would doubtless have accomplished most satisfactory results. But he was only able to give one year's service and that of course was largely preparatory and experimental.

In the scarcity of men in our conference we have not been encouraged to think that you would favor the loan of another man to this work. But we do not mean that efforts for the increase of this fund shall cease. As my connection with Adrian College will end with the present scholastic year, I wish to give some attention to our endowment.

I have two plans in view to be operated independently of the conference assessment. One is to persuade those who have purchased the 2 per cent. college bonds to contribute them for endowment. It is my belief that we have a number of friends willing to co-operate with us in this way. The college will propose to redeem the bonds and pay the amount into the endowment. To accomplish this I hope the conference will release us from the promise made in 1902 and fulfilled so far, of giving as much as the collection amounted to, since we may, not by giving less, but by turning our gift in another direction, accomplish still more for the endowment. The other plan is rather indefinite, but it means in general to enlist friends in a movement to raise a given sum in a given number of years by annual contributions. And if we should by all these plans realize in five years an endowment fund of \$25,000, the result would gladden us all.

4. It gives me pleasure to report a bequest of \$500 to the college by the will of the late Gaven Spence, of precious memory. This is the second bequest the college has ever realized, a former one of the same amount having been given in 1899 by Miss Isabel Harris of Henderson, N.C. But surely we may expect more of this kind of remembrance in the future, and I hope the conference will emphasize its sanction of this good thought of the college in connection with all other general church interests.

5. The matter of patronage is always a vital one with us, since this is our sole dependence for an income. We have always been aided in securing students by pastors whose interest in the college and in the young people under their care prompts them to give us the information in regard to probable students and to speak to the young people a good word for the college. If this were more general than it is the increase of students would be more satisfactory. We have an attendance averaging about 250. We have room for 300 students and we could have as many and more if our own people would always give us the preference among schools of equal grade. It seems unnecessary

to insist that pastors are vitally interested in the education of their young people and that the local churches are losing their members by reason of a loss of sympathy with the church through their association with the schools of other churches. I trust we may continue to have the cordial support of all our pastors in extending the patronage of the college.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. LEWIS.

OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The Board of Governors of the Westminster Theological Seminary takes pleasure in reporting progress along every line of activity. Under the present administration the roll of students has never been so large as now. There have registered 5 seniors, 8 middlers and 6 juniors—total 19. These represent 8 conferences: New York 1, Louisiana 1, Georgia 1, Illinois 1, West Virginia 1, Ohio 2, New Jersey 4 and Maryland 8. Five men will graduate in May and take work in the Maryland Conference. One of these, Joel Russel Gaar, is a member of the Louisiana Conference but will remain a while with us if his services be needed. The remaining four are from Maryland, and during the year about to close have been supplying pulpits in our conference: George Edwin Brown, Rowlandville; Gideon Ireland Humphreys, Roland Park; James Ernest Litsinger, Lewistown, and Ethol Ebenezer Parsons, Williamsport.

One of the most important improvements of the year-highly gratifying to the church in general and the Maryland Conference in particular-is the securing of the valuable services of Rev. Henry Caleb Cushing, A. M., D. D. For years the seminary has employed Professor Reese of Western Maryland College to give instruction in the department of New Testament Greek and Exe-After the death of Dr. Benson, that department was transferred to the newly-elected professor-Claude Cicero Douglas-who took charge also of the The president continued in the departments department of Biblical Theology. of Hebrew and Historical Theology. This left vacant the chairs of Systematic A combination of fortunate circumstances permitted and Practical Theology. Dr. Cushing to come to our aid. This good fortune could not have been ours had it not been for the appropriation which Dr. Cushing receives from the This arrangement not only gives congenial employment superannuate fund. to one whom we all delight to honor but also gives to the faculty a ripened scholar with peculiar fitness for the work in which he is engaged.

In addition to the regular curriculum, the students have this year had the pleasure and profit of a special course of lectures: Rev. U.G. Murphy, "Work in Japan"; Rev. T. M. Yundt, A. M., B. D., "Dependent and Deficient Children"; Rev. F. T. Little, D. D., "The Preacher, the Pastor, the Leader"; Rev. C. E. Slagle, "Present Day Ministry"; Rev. J. P. Campbell, D. D., "Principles of Presbyterianism"; Rev. Oliver Huckel, D. D., "Student Days at Old Oxford"; Rev. E. L. Watson, "Guarantees of a Successful Ministry"; Rev. Durban Miller, "The Call to the Ministry", and Rev. T. J. Ogburn, "The God Sent Man".

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Material prosperity has kept pace with the educational. The library has been enriched by numerous and valuable contributions from Congressman Hepburn, Dr. Cushing, Mrs. A. B. Drinkhouse, Miss Mary Numsen, and Revs. T. O. Crouse, H. C. Cowan, O. W. Huckel and F. H. Mullineaux. Among the minor improvements may be noted painting, bricklaying, gas fixtures, and boiler insurance. The most notable improvement is the beginning of a movement which contemplates the erection of a professor's residence to be known as the West Virginia Home. Professor Douglas spent the vacation in the interests of this cause, visiting various fields in the West Virginia Conference.

The prizes offered this year are: Hebrew—J. W. Hering; Greek—E. O. Grimes; Thesis, J. Norman Wills, and Impromptu Debate—E. J. Drinkhouse. The latter was offered seven years ago and annually repeated until his death, by Dr. Drinkhouse; his widow now continues it as a memorial to her husband.

The scholarship fund continues to grow in favor among our well-to-do laymen. The list of contributors for this year is: Trinity Church, \$100; Mr. Joseph D. Baker, \$100; Alumni Association, \$100; Rev. William Dale, \$100; Washington and Alexandria Christian Endeavor Union, \$100; Mrs. Mary E. Baile, \$100; Mr Caleb Freeland, \$100; Mrs. A. B. Drinkhouse—memorial to Dr. E. J. Drinkhouse—\$100, and cash, \$175. The will of Dr. E. J. Drinkhouse announces a legacy of \$1,000 to be known as the Henrietta Gilson Fund, to be held in trust by the Educational Endowment Society, the income to be used for the benefit of young men preparing for the ministry in the Westminster Theological Seminary.

The president spent the vacation traveling in the Pittsburg District and visiting the Onondaga and Genesee Conferences, and later visted the New York and North Carolina Conferences. Professor Douglas canvassed the West Virginia District and visited the Ohio, the Muskingum, the Pittsburg and the New Jersey Conferences. Constant and thorough travel by these two men next vacation gives promise of profitable results along all lines of seminary work.

We report the deficiency of \$14 in the assessment for the past year. We also report that J.L. Mills, D.D., was elected to fill the vacancy in the Board of Governors caused by the death of Dr. Drinkhouse.

Grateful to the God of all mercies for his continued favors, and appreciative of the loyal support which still comes from the ministry and laity of the Maryland Conference, we respectfully request:

- 1. The assignment of Hugh L. Elderdice as president for the ensuing year.
 - 2. The assessment of \$1800.
 - 3. That pastors open their pulpits for the agents of the seminary.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

OF THE EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT SOCIETY

To The Maryland Annual Conference.

The Educational Endowment Society, as required by their charter, submits the following report:

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The death of Dr. E.J. Drinkhouse, a charter member of the board, and its secretary from the organization, made a vacancy, which was filled by the appointment by the president of the conference, of Rev. F.T. Benson. Our charter requires that the ensuing annual conference shall elect one to fill this vacancy.

J. W. Chapman, Esq., was elected secretary of the board.

At the special meeting held March 29th, 1904, the president was directed to report to the annual conference that no change in the financial condition of Western Maryland College had occurred during the year affecting our waiver of mortgage.

We are informed that Dr. Drinkhouse left to the board by will \$1000 to be known as the "Henrietta Gibson Fund", the income from which is to be used in helping young men preparing for the ministry in the Methodist Protestant Church. The estate has not been settled yet, and the money has not come into our hands.

Respectfully,

J. W. CHAPMAN, Secretary.

J. D. KINZER, President.

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Decrease	
	Respectfully,
	J. M. DICKEY, Steward.

REPORT O

Missions

OF THE COMMITTEE

Your Committee on Missions begs leave to submit the following:

We believe that the spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions. We believe
that we are saved to serve—saved to save. We remember that the same Lord

who so tenderly invited men to "Come", promising that they should "find rest" for their souls, gave as his parting commission to his disciples, "Go ye into all the world and preach my Gospel to every creature."

If it be true that Jesus Christ "tasted death for every man," and that God "will have all men to be saved," then upon every man who has received the Gospel devolves the obligation to send the saving message "to earth's remotest bound."

The present is a time of great privilege, of wondrous opportunity. To day the world is open to the Gospel as never before. God has been at work among the nations; walls of prejudice have been thrown down; gates of opposition have been torn from their hinges; a splendid highway has been constructed for the feet of those who would be "heralds of the Cross," and loud and clear, from across the seas, comes the call of the man of Macedonia, "Come over and help us."

To refuse this call is to show ourselves selfish monopolists of that which was intended for our common humanity and to prove ourselves unworthy of the honor which God has conferred upon us in associating us with Himself in the work of the world's redemption.

We rejoice that to us is this grace given, to make known the riches of Christ, and we pledge ourselves to more earnest effort in sending the light of the Gospel to those who sit in the darkness of heathen lands, and pray that there may soon dawn the day, the rising sun of which shall look down upon a world redeemed.

From information given the committee by Rev. U. G. Murphy, recently returned from Japan, we are able to report that our work in that empire is making steady advance. We have now a membership of 650, with 130 probationers. There is a Sunday school enrollment of 1400. The contributions for self-support average about \$2.00 per member. The preaching places now number 36, with 17 native pastors and evangelists, and 6 young men preparing for the ministry.

Such has been the enlargement of the work, we are now face to face with some very urgent conditions. There is need for more men and for more money. If we are to meet the pressing necessities now existing, and enter the doors now opening, there must be an increase in the generosity of our people.

The Tokio Church fund increases, but slowly. We commend this enterprise to the confidence and liberality of the churches.

We would most earnestly urge upon our people the importance of the work of the Board of Home Missions. In the west and south new communities are rapidly multiplying; every year witnesses a large increase in our frontier population. The opportunities are golden, the demands imperative. With great multitudes hungering and perishing for the Bread of Life we cannot guiltlessly withhold our aid.

With so many doors opened for our entering as a denomination, we are not true to our fathers, nor to the principles we have espoused, if we do not avail ourselves of every opportunity for the advancement of our denominational interests.

We devoutly give thanks to God for the progress that has been made and for the splendid results achieved.

We assure the Secretary of the Board, Dr. McManiman, of our sympathy with him in his labors, and we pledge ourselves to make an honest and determined effort to raise the full assessment.

We are pleased to have with us in our conference session Rev. U.G. Murphy, President of the Japan Mission Conference, and we cordially commend him to the pastors, trusting that he may be given opportunity to address the churches. We also note with pleasure the presence of Miss Annie Forrest of the W.F.M.S.

We extend to the Japan Mission Conference now in session our cordial greetings, and pray that the great Head of the Church may direct in the deliberations and give his blessing to the work.

The information brought us in the letter of Rev. E. H. Van Dyke, of the illness of his wife, has filled us with profound grief. We assure our brother of our sincere sympathy in the sore affliction that has come upon him, and most devoutly pray that as he stands amid the shadows he may have the sustaining grace of Almighty God, and that if it be God's will, his valued helpmeet may be granted a speedy restoration to her normal health.

Among the many beneficent agencies now at work for bringing the world unto Christ, and yielding the church most blessed fruit, we gratefully acknowledge the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

The devotion and enterprise of "these elect women" are worthy of all praise. Our Father's blessing has rested upon their labors, and having the fullest convictions that in the spread of the Gospek and in the establishment of Christ's kingdom in the whole earth, this organization is to be an important factor and perform an important part, we cheerfully pledge this society our hearty co-operation, our prayers and support.

The reports of the Maryland and the Washington and Alexandria branches show the receipts for the year to have been \$2225.64.

These are our recommendations:

That \$2,500.00 be assessed upon the charges of the district for this work.

That the Easter service for Home Missions be observed in all our churches.

That the request of Rev. F. H. Van Dyke for the continuance of his present relation be granted.

J. W. BALDERSTON, Chairman.

OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONS STEWARD

Total for assessments	.\$2,648.00
Chidren's Day	. 3,095.00
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	
Sunday Schools	. 237.00
Special.	
Total	\$7197.00

W. A. MELVIN, Steward.

OF THE MARYLAND BRANCH, W.F.M.S.

Maryland Branch, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Methodist Protestant Church, sends greetings to Maryland Annual Conference, Aluutt Memorial Church, Baltimore, Md.

REPORTS

We are pleased to report the organization of two auxiliaries during the year.

We are asking each charge to organize an auxiliary to the Woman's Society as soon as practicable.

Cash receipts to date, \$1996.30.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. HENRY HUPFIELD, Corresponding Secretary.

April 5, 1904.

OF THE WASHINGTON AND ALEXANDRIA BRANCH, W.F.M.S.

The Washington and Alexandria Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society sends greetings, and prays that this session will be most pleasant and profitable to all.

This being the twenty-fifth anniversary of our organization, we have made some extra effort to raise a special thank offering, to be known as the "Silver Jubilee Fund".

We are working to obey our Lord's command "Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel to every creature", and are hoping and praying that this fund will enable us to extend our work into the interior of Japan. We cannot report for this fund, as we have until May to enlarge it. Our regular contribution for the year is \$229.34.

J. PAULINE BARNES-WOODRUFF,

Corresponding Secretary.

OF THE STEWARD OF GENERAL HOME MISSIONS

For year ending April, 1904.

AssessedPaid	
Deficit\$	141.00
Increase over last year\$108	

G. M. CLAYTON, Steward.

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REPORT P

Of The Committee On Sabbath Observance

WHEREAS, The Christian Sabbath is divinely appointed as a day of rest and worship, and

WHEREAS, Worldly men—and those engaged in the liquor business particularly—are united in their efforts to rob this day of its sacredness,

Resolved, 1st, That as a body of Christian ministers and laymen we deprecate all such efforts and insist that the members of our church stand uncompromisingly for the sacred observance of the Sabbath, and that by precept and example we condemn all work on this day except such work as is unavoidable.

Resolved, 2nd, That we disapprove of all unnecessary travel on the Sabbath, the patronizing of Sunday newspapers, and that we refuse to attend camp-meetings, where the law of the church governing them is not strictly enforced.

J. L. STRAUGHN, Chairman.

REPORT Q

Of The Committee On Credentials

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully reports,

- 1. That all delegates' certificates have been found correct, and
- 2. There are no certificates from Hollywood, Millville and Patapsco.

We recommend that Thos. H. Hayward, the alternate from Hurlock; Wm. Brandenburg, the alternate from Howard, and S. J. Warrington, alternate from Harbeson, be in each case the accredited delegate.

W. D. LITSINGER, Chairman.

REPORT R

Of The Committee On Christian Endeavor

We are glad to report that the Christian Endeavor work of the district is in a prosperous condition. New societies have been formed and much interest has been manifested. The societies have been, as heretofore, of great assistance to the pastors of the churches, and we feel that they can be made of still greater assistance, in a practical way, along many lines of Christian service. It is our conviction that such a society should be formed in every church within the bounds of the Maryland Conference.

Christian Endeavor rightly appreciated and interpreted cannot fail to be a blessing to the local church. Pastors can use a healthy society to good advantage, and in most instances the Christian Endeavor societies stand ready to be just what the pastor is capable of making them. We feel that it is the duty of the pastor to spend time in the development of his society, to carefully interpret its needs, and, wherever possible, point the way to practical work. In our opinion Christian Endeavor is here to stay. It is a product of the times, is here in the providence of God, and instead of criticizing it, and hindering it, the wise pastor can use it for the glory of God in the proper development of the young people under his charge. If faithfully carried out in all directions, the Christian Endeavor society cannot fail to be a source of power in the Christian church.

We commend to the prayerful consideration of the church the work of the Junior Society. Emphasis cannot be too strongly placed upon this feature of Christian Endeavor. It is important to interest the children of the flock and capture them for Christ and the church. A wise, consecrated superintendent can do effective ministry among the children, and we earnestly urge the pastors to encourage the formation of Junior Societies wherever practicable.

The Convention held at West Baltimore Church in February was a most gratifying success. The attendance was not so great as at former conventions because of the great conflagration which had visited the city but a few days previous, but the attendance was larger than might have been expected under such trying circumstances, and the occasion was one of profit and inspiration.

We would call attention to the approaching denominational convention which will hold its sessions in May, immediately preceding the General Conference, in the North Carolina Avenue Methodist Protestant Church, Washington, D.C. The officers of the convention are working to secure one thousand delegates and we hope the Maryland Conference Endeavorers will do their utmost to make the denominational convention the most inspiring as to numbers and enthusiasm that has ever been held.

The Maryland Conference Union has undertaken this year, through the societies, to raise one thousand dollars for missions. This money is to go through the channel that may be indicated by the local society, but the effort is to be made to increase the missionary offering one thousand dollars. We cannot too strongly commend this to the conference. This is a move in the right direction, and God will bless it in an unusual way if our people will respond to this call.

We, therefore, recommend the following:

- 1. The raising of one thousand dollars in the societies for missions.
- 2. A special missionary service in the Christian Endeavor Society, to be held in October, the collection to go to the purpose mentioned above.

In connection with this work especially outlined for this year, we trust the societies will also look to the increase of the circulation of the "Methodist Protestant". We believe it is possible for the societies to raise the thousand dollars asked for missions, and at the same time increase the circulation of the church paper.

A. N. WARD, Chairman.

Of The Committee On Transportation

Your Committee on Transportation respectfully reports, that while the results of its work were not perfectly satisfactory in every respect, still, very good rates to conference were secured over the various systems operating within the bounds of the Maryland District.

The great Baltimore fire of February last complicated matters somewhat in railroad affairs, as in many other things. However, we found railway and steamboat officials most cordial and perfectly willing to do everything possible for us under the circumstances.

G. W. HADDAWAY, Committee.

REPORT T

Of The Committee On Church Enterprises

Your Committee on Church Enterprises, to whom was referred the paper submitted by Rev. Avery Donovan, suggesting the establishing of an appointment in the town of Berlin, Md., would respectfully report that we have carefully considered the matter, and recommend that the conference hereby approve of the enterprise, and that it be placed under the care and supervision of the pastor of Snow Hill Circuit. We further recommend that the enterprise be referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

J. E. NICHOLSON, Chairman.

REPORT U

Of Special Committee To Push Claim Of Mt. Olivet Church Before Congress

The Committee has had some correspondence with the councel in the case, but has no information to report further than progress.

F. T. LITTLE, Chairman.

REPORT V

Of The Special Committee On Jackson Grove Camp Assembly

Your Special Committee to whom was referred the communication of F. T. Tagg, J. McLain Brown and A. A. Bichell, three members of this Annual Conference, and also three of the five incorporators of the Jackson Grove Assembly having carefully considered the matter,

1st, do hereby recommend the project to the voluntary co-operation of the members of this body and the churches they represent.

2nd, as the object is to promote a knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus, by the holding of a yearly campmeeting and Chautauqua, we cordially extend to it our moral support, and commend it to the members of our church for their consideration. But in so doing we wish to state that the conference is in no wise responsible for the success of the undertaking either financially or otherwise.

J. L. MILLS, Chairman.

REPORT W

Of The Special Committee On Fraternal Greetings From The Baltimore Conference, M. E. Church

The committee to whom was referred the resolutions bearing the fraternal greetings of the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church to this conference beg to submit the following report:

Resolved, 1st, That we receive with sincere pleasure the hearty fraternal greetings brought to us by the special messengers from the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and assure them that we both appreciate and reciprocate their warm Christian greetings.

Resolved, 2nd, That we respond to their invitation, and request our representatives to the ensuing General Conference to memorialize said conference to appoint commissioners to confer with commissioners from the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church upon terms of union.

J. D. KINZER, Chairman.

REPORT X

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Of The Special Committee On Fenwick Island Camp

The Special Committee appointed at last conference on Fenwick Island Camp-meeting submits the following report:

That beginning August 1st, a camp-meeting was held at above-named place continuing ten days. Your committee visited this camp, and while it was not largely attended, proved enjoyable and helpful to those who participated in the meetings.

This camp is located immediately on the Atlantic Ocean, 10 miles north of Ocean City. It is admirably adapted for camp-meeting purposes, having a beautiful grove containing ten acres within three minutes walk of the beach, and that, as far as the committee knows, is the only place on the coast open to the Methodist Protestant Church for camp-meeting purposes or as a denominational resort.

Your committee has been in correspondence with the owners of the Island with the view of obtaining information as to terms upon which we may secure possession of the camp ground, but to the present date have not been able to accomplish this desire, but have been granted the privilege of using the grove for camp-meeting purposes.

We recommend that the committee be continued for another year with the addition of the following laymen: E. C. Dukes, L. W. Hurley and A. E. Tull, who shall have power to negotiate with the owners of the property with the view of securing the grounds to the Methodist Protestant Church if it be deemed advisable, and co-operate with Millville charge in holding a camp-meeting this coming summer.

F. T. LITTLE, Chairman.

REPORT Y

Our Church Home

OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

The Board of Managers of the Home for the Aged herewith submits the annual report of the institution for the year ending April 1st, 1904, showing fully the financial condition at that date.

The item of \$1650.00 shown in last report, as indebtedness due on account of addition to building and installation of heating and lighting plant, has been reduced by the payment of \$700.00, leaving a balance of \$950.00. This is the only indebtedness of the board.

We beg to acknowledge the generous bequest of our late, lamented brother, Frederick Warner, of \$500.00, which was paid during the year by his executrix, Mrs. Mary C. Warner. Also the donation of two eligible burial lots in the Westminster cemetery, given by the cemetery board, and for which a deed has been executed to the Home.

The board is also pleased to acknowledge a valuable donation, recently made by Mrs. A.C. Schureman, as a Memorial to Dr. Alfred Schureman, brother of her husband, Dr. C. A. Schureman. This gift consists of the complete furnishing, in a handsome manner, of the library room of the Home, and is much appreciated by the board.

One death has occurred during the year and there remain four persons in the Home at this time. The report of the Lady Managers is also herewith submitted, showing the result of the financial management of the current affairs for the past year. Two things are suggested by this report, and these the ladies desire should be emphasized to the conference.

1st. That the annual receipts of the Home are barely sufficient, without great strain, to meet its expenditures. This they think ought not to be, and could be readily avoided, if every church would make a contribution, however small. Many of the churches contribute regularly and liberally, and to these the Home and its inmates are greatly indebted.

2nd. That it would facilitate the work of the ladies, if the contributions to the Home could be taken earlier in the conference year. As it is, they are compelled to make temporary loans, in order to enable them to meet the current

monthly payments.

We feel greatly gratified that we have at Westminster the foundation of a splendid Church Home. A Home that we hope to see grow; grow in enlarged usefulness to our worthy aged people who are unable to provide a home for themselves, and grow in the interest which the church should manifest in an institution in every way so worthy.

May the Divine blessing rest upon it, and bring to it all that is needful

to carry on the work which the church is seeking to do through it.

By order of the board.

J. D. CATHELL. President.

F. T. TAGG, Secretary.

Coal bill for 1902.....

OF THE TREASURER

Cr.

Amount in hands of Treasurer, April 1903
Dr.
Amount of sundry expenses paid\$146.21
Amount of loan to Lady Managers
Amount paid Westminster Savings Bank
Amount in hands of Treasurer
\$1365.2
Perpetfully submitted

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. HERING, Treasurer.

OF THE LADY MANAGERS

Cr.

Amount in hands of Treasurer April 1903	.\$ 37.97
Amount received at conference of 1903	. 358.94
Amount received during conference year	
Amount borrowed from Permanent Fund	. 355.00
Amount of private donations	
,	\$1090.18
Dr.	
Expenses during the year	\$717.75
Expenses dairing the Journal of the Control of the	

Amount paid to Permanent Fund	225.00	
Amount in hands of Treasurer	74.43	
	Ø100	00

\$1090.18

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. E. O. GRIMES, President.

OF THE STEWARD

Steward of the fund for Our Church Home begs leave to make the follow	W-
ing report:	
The amount received in cash\$398.74	
Receipts. 527.77	
Total\$674.51	
Increase over last year\$79.51	
Respectfully submitted,	
L. A. Bennett Steward	

L. A. BENNETT, Steward

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REPORT Z

Of The Trustees Of The Maryland Annual Conference

To The Maryland Annual Conference.

DEAR BRETHREN:-

The Trustees of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church herewith submit their annual report.

Officers elected in accordance with the charter, President, Dr. J. L. Mills; Treasurer, Daniel Baker; Secretary, Thomas A. Murray.

The committee appointed by the conference to purchase a suitable property for the use of the Baltimore Book Directory with the moneys raised as the 20th Century Fund having contracted for the fee-simple property, No. 316 N. Charles Street, Baltimore City, at the price of \$20,750.00, the title of said property has been acquired and the deed therefor taken in the name of this corporation.

The amount raised as the 20th Century Fund not being sufficient to meet the total cost, the executors of the estate of the late Dr. Drinkhouse, at the request of this corporation, advanced the sum of \$2 000.00 on account of the bequest to this corporation under the terms of his will, and same has been loaned as part of the purchase money at 5 per cent. interest, and by the action of the trustees, said loan has been made a first claim upon said property. The Baltimore Book Directory has also advanced, as a loan, the sum of \$4,960.77 on account of said purchase money, subject to the legal claim therefor.

The trustees have also by their action acknowledged the claim of the Superannuate Fund Society for the sum of \$5,909.15, advanced as the purchase money for the new conference parsonage, No. 1420 Linden Ave., the title to said property being held by this corporation subject to the claim of the society

for the amount so advanced, the interest thereon to be paid as provided for by

the previous action of the conference.

We wish to make special and most grateful recognition of the munificent bequest by the will of our honored and lamented brother, Dr. Edward J. Drinkhouse, by which, upon the completion of the administration in due course, his whole estate, after the payment of the legacy of \$1,000.00 to the Educational Endowment Society of the conference, will come into the possession of this corporation, to be applied in accordance with the provisions of said will to the furtherance of the interests of the Baltimore Book Directory, and the education of students for the ministry at the Westminster Theological Seminary, subject to the directions and provision of said will as to the income from said estate during the life of his widow, Mrs. Angeline B. Drinkhouse.

The income will not be available for the interests above named during the

ensuing conference year.

We also submit herewith the report of the treasurer.

The terms of the following trustees expire with this session of the conference: ministers, F. T. Little and S. J. Smith; laymen, C. A. Benjamin and Franklin Mewshaw (deceased), and their successors should be elected at this session of the conference.

J. L. MILLS, President.

T. A. MURRAY, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

BALTIMORE, MD., April 1, 1904.

Trustees Maryland Annual Conference in account with Daniel Baker, Treasurer.

Receipts

1903. May 22,	By cash from John G. Clarke, Esq., retiring Treasurer	79.26 .75
June 1,	By cash from F. T. Little, Agent 20th Century Fund	13,696 67
	By cash from T. A. Murray, Daniel Baker, Executors, Estate Rev. E. J. Drinkhouse By cash from F. T. Tagg, Agent Baltimore Book Directory	2,000.00 390,77
June 3,	By cash from F. T. Little, Treasurer, check of F. T. Lagg,	158.45
June 30, Dec. 31,	By cash from interest	3. 3 3
		\$20,399 62

Disbursements

1903. May 23,	To expense Messrs. Mather, Watts & Kinzer\$ 8.00
June 1,	nurchase 316 N. Charles St
June 3,	To check Title Guarantee and Trust Co

Oct. 27,	To balance paid Joseph G. and Mary C. Johnson for purchase money 316 N. Charles St 200.00
1904.	\$20,323 89
	Balance in hand
	\$20,399.62

(Regret that cancelled checks for all above were destroyed in fire.)

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL BAKER, Treasurer.

REPORT AA

Of The Special Committee To Confer And Act With The N. J. Conference In Establishing Mission Work In Philadelphia

No definite understanding or co-operation with any committee from the New Jersey Conference in regard to mission work in Philadelphia has taken place, but the establishment of missions in Philadelphia is a consummation devoutly to be wished. We recommend a continuation of the subject.

F. T. LITTLE, Committee.
J. B. JONES,

REPORT BB

Of The Special Committee On Conference Evangelist

Your committee, after carefully considering this question referred to us at last conference, would respectfully submit the following:

1. While we are confident that an evangelist could be profitably employed in the Maryland District, we fear that loss out of the pastorate of such a man as would make an efficient evangelist, would be seriously felt at this time.

2. We are also of the opinion that the conference could not wisely employ an evangelist without controlling entirely his time and determining the places of his employment, and we hesitate to ask any man among us to submit to this kind of supervision without guaranteeing his support.

3. We do not see any way by which his salary could be guaranteed. The conference funds are not sufficient to justify any draft upon them for this purpose. Being unable to see our way clear to provide for his financial support, we must decline to recommend the employment of an evangelist at this time.

J. D. KINZER, Chairman.

THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE

The Electoral College met at 2:40 p. m., Friday, April 8, 1904, in the Alnutt Memorial Methodist Protestant Church. W. M. Strayer was elected president and A. N. Ward secretary. The following were appointed the judges of election: A.W. Mather, J. L. Elderdice, W. E. Sheppard and C. A. Benjamin.

The college then proceeded to the election of twelve ministerial and

twelve lay representatives to the General Conference.

Nine ballots were taken, and the balloting continued through the remaining days of conference.

The following representatives were elected:

Ministers

F. T. LITTLE

T. H. LEWIS

H. L. ELDERDICE

F. T. TAGG

J. D. KINZER

W. R. GRAHAM

I. M. HOLMES

W. M. STRAYER

J. M. GILL

J. W. KIRK

I L. MILLS

S. B. TREADWAY

Laymen

J. W. HERING

T. P. FISHER

DANIEL BAKER

T. A. MURRAY

G. T. ATKINSON

E. S. ATKINS

J. H. ROBERTS

C. A. BENJAMIN

E. B. FENBY

J. G. COLEMAN

J. N. WARFIELD

R. M. PRICE

Upon the completion of the ballot for representatives the judges of election resigned. W. J. Neepier, D. W. Anstine, A. W. Woodland and J. T. Haring were appointed in their place.

The following were elected alternates:

Ministers

F. C. KLEIN

I. M. SHERIDAN

J. S. BOWERS

Laymen

J. G. ROCKWOOD

SAMUEL VANNORT

J. D. CATHELL

The Electoral College then adjourned,

A. N. WARD, Secretary.

CONFERENCE SOCIETIES

Superannuate Fund Society

BALTIMORE, MD., April 9th, 1904.

The Superannuate Fund Society of the Maryland Conference met on the above date, at 2:40 o'clock p. m., in Alnutt Memorial Church, J. L. Straughn, the First Vice-president in the chair. In the absence of the secretary, E. C. Makosky was elected secretary pro tem. The treasurer, Bro. T. A. Murray, read his report and it was adopted, and a rising. unanimous vote of thanks was given to the treasurer for his devoted and efficient labors in behalf of the society and its interests.

The following officers were elected, viz.:—J. L. Straughn, First Vice-president; H. S. Johnson, Second Vice-president; F. H. Mullineaux, Third Vice-president; A. W. Mather, Corresponding Secretary, and E. C. Makosky, Recording Secretary.

The following Board of Managers were elected for the ensuing Conference year, viz.:—J. M. Holmes, F. T. Tagg, J. W. Kirk, T. O. Crouse, J.G. Clarke, T. A. Murray, J. B. Thomas, and Dr. E. B. Fenby. The society then adjourned.

E. Q. MAKOSKY, Secretary.

\$3931 99

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR, APRIL 1903-1904

Thomas A. Murray, Treasurer, in account with Superannuate Fund Society.

Investment Account

DR.

DR.				
To balance as per last report\$ To amount received from Rev. W. H. Litsinger, Steward		83		
To amount received from Mrs. Mary J. Zollickoffer 195 00	3739	26		
	\$3931	99		
CR.				
By subscription to 20th Century Fund \$ 25 00 By amount invested in Ground-rents\$2673 81				
By amount invested in Mortgages 1000 00 \$3673 81	\$3698	81		
By amount balance cash in Bank	233	18		

Distribution Account

DR.

DR.				
To amount Income on Investments received	4908 37	49 80	\$ 4946	29
To amount Conference Assessments received			316	00
Cr.			\$5262	29
By amount paid for stationery	5 75	00	\$ 144	18
By amounts remitted to Rev. W. H. Litsinger, Steward, for distribution as follows: October 6th, 1903	50 25	00	5118	11
Pasnaatfully submitted			\$5282	29

Respectfully submitted,

T. A. MURRAY, Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the treasurer and find them correct as per above report, and the income from all property and securities of the society fully accounted for; and we have also examined the securities of the society and find them all properly deposited in the Safe Deposit Box of the society.

F. T. TAGG, T. O. CROUSE, Auditing Committee.

Church Extension Society

BALTIMORE, MD., April 9th, 1904.

The Church Extension Society met Saturday, at 2:30 p. m., J. L. Straughn presiding.

Treasurer's report was read by W. J. Neepier Adopted.

Report of Board of Managers was read by W. J. Neepier. Adopted.

Resolution was offered by E. S. Fooks to borrow \$268.98 to cover deficiencies. Adopted.

The following officers were elected:—President, J. M. Gill; First Vice-president, J. L. Straughn; Second Vice-president, J. W. Trout; Secretary, F. A. Holland; Treasurer, T. H. Bartlett; Board of Managers, W. J. Neepier, J. S. Bowers. T. O. Crouse, F. H. Lewis, *ministers*. N. T. Meginnis, T. A. Murray, T. H. Bartlett, J. W. Chapman, Jr., *laymen*. Adjourned.

F. A. HOLLAND Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Receipts				
1903.				
June 9, From Rev. H. F. Wright\$	9	00		
June 29, From Rev. A. N. Ward	32			
Oct. 3, From Rev. P. W. Crosby	18			
Oct. 3, From Rev. C. M. Compher	18	00		
Oct. 7, From Rev. J. M. Sheridan.	44			
Oct. 22, From Rev. J. H. S. Ewell	26	00		
Nov. 26, From Rev. J. A. Wright	20	00		
Dec. 8, From Rev. B. A. Bryan	14			
Dec. 29, From Rev. J. B. Jones	10	00		
Jan. 22 From Rev. J. W. Balderston	35	00		
Jan. 29, From Rev. R. S. Rowe	26			
Feb. 20, From Rev. C. M. Zepp	18			
Mch. 5, From Rev. E. C. Makosky	87			
Mch.12, From Rev. J. W. Kirk	91			
Mch.14, From Rev. J. F. Bryan	14			
Mch.14, From Rev. B. F. Ruley	18			
Apr. 2, From Rev. F. H. Lewis				
Total from charges			\$515	00
Sep. 8, From Rev. E. S. Fooks balance on appropriation to				
Keen Memorial M. P. Church			48	15
Total			\$ 563	15
1903.				
April 1, Interest on deposits	2	30		
April 9, Balance on loan of Belair Circuit				
April 9, Interest on loan on Belair Circuit	5	00		
1904.	00			
April 4, Interest on deposits	20	11		
Total			\$227	41
Disbursements				
1903. May 95 To Pay F D Stone interest on Breadway Church debt &	co	=0		
May 25, To Rev. E. D. Stone interest on Broadway Church debt. \$ Sep. 25, To Rev. E. D. Stone interest on Broadway Church debt.		50		
Nov. 27, To Rev. E. D. Stone interest on Broadway Church debt.	62			
Dec. 7, To Rev. J. W. Norris on account of appropriation to	62	OU		
Lauraville	10	00		
1904.	19	00		
Jan. 26, To Rev. A. A. Bichell balance on appropriation to Keen				
Memorial for 1903	10	15		
Mch. 4, To Rev. A. A. Bichell appropriation to Keen Memorial	40	15		
Church	100	00		
Mch. 9, To Rev. E. D. Stone interest on Broadway Church debt	100 62	50		
75-4-1			*	
Total			\$416	
To Rev. E. S. Fooks, Steward (check)			\$147	00
Total			\$563	15

Bank Account, (Maryland Savings Bank)

1903. March	31,	To balance\$ Interest on deposits.	458 2	45 30	
April	9.	Balance of loan on Belair Circuit	200	00	
April 1904.	9,	Interest on deposits	5	00	
April	4,	Interest on deposits	20	11	
	Tota	1			\$685 86
(In	cluc	ling for lot at Lauraville \$61.00).			

T. H. BARTLETT, Treasurer.

OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

The Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society submit the following report: Keen Memorial Church has had a year of prosperity. The pastor, Rev. A. A. Bichell, reports 68 conversions and 38 accessions. The finances are in good condition. All local expenses have been met in full. The pastor's salary has been paid. The conference assessments have been raised. \$150.00 has been paid on the principal of the Old Town Bank note. The \$100.00 appropriated by the conference has been paid on the debt on the ground, reducing that indebtedness to \$1900.00. The outlook of the charge is hopeful.

The Lauraville work has been in the hands of Rev. J. W. Norris. He reports that a tabernacle has been erected and furnished, at a cost of \$205.00, all of which has been paid. A Sunday school has been organized with forty-five scholars. A mite society has been formed with a membership of twenty-five.

W. J. NEEPIER,

President of the Board of Managers.

April 8th, 1904.

The Mutual Relief Association

The Mutual Relief Association met in annual session at Baltimore, Md., April 8, 1904. The President of the Conference in the chair. The secretary called the roll. The Secretary-treasurer read his report, which, on motion, was adopted. The report was referred to an Auditing Committee, as follows: J. E. Nicholson, E. C. Makosky and J. T. Lassell.

The Auditing Committee reported the Secretary-treasurer's report correct. Report adopted.

The following officers were elected: 1st Vice-president, W. M. Strayer; 2nd Vice-president, J. D. Kinzer; 3rd Vice-president, S. W. Coe; Secretary-treasurer, J. A. Weigand.

The following motion was adopted, offered by J. L. Mills:

Resolved, That it is earnestly requested that all the members of the conference unite with the Mutual Relief Association.

J. A. WEIGAND, Secretary-treasurer.

OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

For the Year ending April 6, 1904

Amount in hand from 8th advance payment	\$130.00
Amount in hand from 10th advance payment	124.00
Expense of collecting 8th advance payment	\$384.00
Expense of collecting 10th advance payment 4.45	\$12.93
Paid Mrs. George Leas \$126.00 Paid Mrs. Λ. D. Melvin 125.00	\$371.07 \$251.00
Balance in hand on advance payment	\$120.07
Amount of permanent fund deposited in Westminster Savings Bank 2 members deceased, 9 members lapsed during the year. Respectfully submitted,	\$ 56.19

J. A. WEIGAND, Secretary-treasurer.

Examined and approved.

J. E. NICHOLSON, E. C. MAKOSKY, J. T. LASSELL,

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 1

Of Sympathy to J. M. Dickey.

Resolved, That this conference learns with great regret of the death of the wife of our Brother J. M. Dickey, and hereby extends to Brother Dickey its cordial sympathy.

E. C. MAKOSKY.

Resolution 2

Members of the Board of Governors of the Seminary.

Resolved, That the Secretary cast the ballot of the conference for the election of Revs. J. D. Kinzer, J. M. Gill and J. L. Mills, ministerial, and Dr. J. W. Hering and T. Pliny Fisher, Esq., lay members of the Board of Governors of the Westminster Theological Seminary for the ensuing quadrennium.

H. L. ELDERDICE.

Resolution 3

Daily Sessions.

Resolved, That the sessions of conference be held daily at 9:00 A. M., with a recess from 12:00 to 2:00 o'clock, and adjourn at pleasure.

J. E. NICHOLSON.

Resolution 4

Assessment for General Conference Expenses.

Resolved, That the Board of Finance be, and they are hereby authorized to assess upon the district the sum of Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars, to be used in paying the travelling expenses and board of the representatives of the Maryland Conference during the General Conference in North Carolina Avenue Church, Washington, D. C.

J. D. KINZER.

Resolution 5

Time of Holding Next Session.

Resolved, That the session of the Maryland Conference for the year 1905 be held on the first Wednesday in April of that year.

R. S. ROWE.

Resolution 6

Envelopes for President's Salary Vouchers.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Conference provide and furnish to the pastors of the various charges, envelopes for their vouchers for the payment of the assessment of their charges for President's salary.

R. S. Rowe.

Resolution 7

Depositing Pastor's Reports.

WHEREAS, Belated reports greatly retard the progress of the work done by the conference board of stewards, and

WHEREAS, The work under most favorable conditions is attended with no little difficulty;

Resolved, That this conference call attention to the rule of depositing reports on Thursday morning of conference session, and insist upon the strict observance of the same.

E. S. FOOKS.

Resolution 8

Requiring Payment of Assessments by Check.

Resolved, That this conference advise pastors as far as possible to give checks for the full amount of their several benevolences.

E. S. FOOKS.

Resolution 9

Request of the Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Conference be authorized to send letters to the Senators and Representatives of the State of Maryland in Congress, requesting them to vote for the passage of the Hepburn-Dolliver bill for the regulation of the liquor traffic.

J. W. KIRK.

Resolution 10

Reply to Baltimore Conference Greetings.

Resolved, That a copy of the report of the Special Committee on Fraternal Greetings from the Baltimore Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, be forwarded by our Secretary to the visiting delegation and that a copy of said report be also furnished our representatives to the General Conference, for presentation to that body.

H. L. ELDERDICE.

Resolution 11

For a Committee on New Report Blanks.

WHEREAS, since the printing of the present supply of pastor's reports so many changes have been made by the conference that the committee on statistics deem it best for a new pastor's report blank to be made, therefore, be it

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to devise the said blank and report at the Conference of 1905.

H. L. SCHLINCKE.

Resolution 12

On Unseating Reed Smoot.

Resolved 1st, That believing that the investigation recently conducted by a Committee of U. S. Senators into conditions in Utah clearly set forth the unfitness of Reed Smoot to sit as a Senator from Utah, we therefore request our Maryland Senators, the Hon. A. P. Gorman and the Hon. L. E. McComas to vote that his seat be declared vacant.

Resolved 2nd, That the Secretary of the Maryland Annual Conference be authorized to send a copy of this action to our United States Senators signed by the President of this body and by himself as Secretary.

J. W. KIRK.

Resolution 13

On Church Union.

WHEREAS, Tentative preliminary steps have been taken by several denominations, including our own, looking to an organic union of all said denominations, and

WHEREAS, It is believed by the Maryland Annual Conference that, in the light of our Church's past experience, all such efforts are damaging to us, and

WHEREAS, The Methodist Protestant Church was never as able to stand alone and do God's work in its own sphere as now, therefore be it

Resolved, That this conference disapprove of any union with other churches by which our identity of principles, of docurines and economy would be sooner or later destroyed.

S. B. SOUTHERLAND.

Since no propositions for denominational union can properly come before an Annual Conference until submitted as an overture from the General Conference, therefore

Resolved, That while freely according to our venerable father, Rev. Dr. Southerland, the right to express his views on this important matter we yet deem it inadvisable to open the question to general discussion at this time, and direct that the paper of Dr Southland be published in our minutes with this explanation.

T. H. LEWIS.

Resolution 14

The Bible Society Agent Give Full Credit for Conference Contributions.

WHEREAS, This conference receives no credit for amounts paid to the Maryland Bible Society of charges during the conference year, therefore,

Resolved, That the Agent of the Maryland Bible Society be and is hereby requested to give full credit to this conference for all amounts contributed to said Society of the charges within the bounds of the Annual Conference.

N. O. GIBSON.

Resolution 15

Repealing Resolution 7 of Last Conference.

Resolved, That Resolution 7, to wit: "Resolved, that every pastor's report, which shows that the assessments were not raised in full, shall be considered defective," passed at the conference session of 1903, be rescinded.

R. S. ROWE.

Resolution 16

Amending Rule XXX. of Manual.

Resolved, That Rule XXX. of the Manual beamended by striking out the last sentence, beginning, "Pastors whose official reports which are defective in any point, etc."

W. S. PHILLIPS.

Resolution 17

The Disbursement of General Conference Assessment.

Resolved, That the monies assessed on the District for the expenses of the representatives to the General Conference be sent by the agent to A. N. Ward, pastor of the church, who shall pay the travelling expenses of each representative from the amount, and use the remainder for the payment of the board of the Maryland Delegation.

J. L. MILLS.

Resolution 18

Appointment of Postmaster and Collectors.

Resolved, That the president appoint a conference postmaster, and the usual collectors at each session of conference.

F. C. KLEIN.

OBITUARIES

Rev. Edward Jacob Drinkhouse

The startling announcement in the Baltimore papers of the death of Dr. Drinkhouse, sent a wave of sorrow throughout the bounds of the Methodist Protestant Church. He was widely known. His years of editorial work made his name a household word among our people, and everywhere he was esteemed and honored for his service and faithful work for the cause of Christ.

He was born in Philadelphia, of Jacob and Mary Drinkhouse, an honorable family of German origin, March 26, 1830. His parents attended the German Reformed Church, and he received his earliest religious training in that denomination. But, according to memoranda written in his Bible, he "became a subject of saving grace November 26, 1847, in Bethlehem Station, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, then in charge of Rev. Andrew Manship"; heard a sermon from Rev. Alfred Cookman, which so impressed him that he felt called to the ministry. The impression was subsequently deepened and confirmed. When he was received into the probationary membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church he gave a "reluctant assent" to the questions of the discipline then proposed, especially those which pertained to the form of government of the church. After a time he withdrew, and united with the Methodist Protestant Church of that city, then under the pastorate of Rev. Peter Light Wilson, with whom, up to the time of his death, he maintained a most intimate friendship.

Within six months he was licensed to exhort, and before the end of the year he was licensed to preach, and united with the Maryland Conference in 1850, and became the assistant to Dr.S.B. Southerland on Queen Anne's Circuit.

His subsequent appointments were the following: 1851, to Deer Creek; 1852-3, to Potomac; 1854-5, to Cumberland; 1856-7, to Harpers Ferry; 1858-9 to East Baltimore; 1860-1, to Jefferson; 1862, to Philadelphia; 1863, to Ninth St., D.C.; 1864-5, without appointment. (In California because of impaired health). 1866-7, to West Baltimore; 1868-74, to Ninth St., D.C.; 1875, Editor

of "Methodist Protestant." He continued in the editorial chair by election of successive General Conferences, during eighteen years. In recent years he has held a supernumerary relation to North Baltimore Station. He died April 18th, 1903, aged 73 years.

This bare outline of his conference relations gives little indication of his earnest, consecrated and useful life amid the vicissitudes of more than half a century.

Early in his itinerant life he married Miss Henrietta Gibson, of Carlisle, Pa. After a few years of happy married life, during his pastorate in Frederick City, his wife died, leaving him two children—twins. They only survived the mother a short time. Mother and children were buried in the cemetery of that city.

This great affliction, with its attending burdens, and the work of a large circuit, seriously impaired his health. He endeavored to continue in the regular work, but realizing that a thorough change was necessary to his recuperation, he sought release from the pastorate, and went to San Francisco. He had a brother living there. He soon found remunerative employment, and with improved health applied himself to study, and preached frequently in the churches of that city.

He had attended medical lectures at Jefferson College in Philadelphia, and now Toland College in San Francisco offered further opportunities to pursue his medical studies, and he graduated from this college to the title of M. D., in 1866. He never practiced that profession. During that year he returned to Maryland and became the pastor of West Baltimore Station. The second year, in addition to his pastoral duties, he was elected associate editor of the "Methodist Protestant." His next and last pastorate was at the Ninth Street Church in Washington, which he served with ability and success for five years. In 1874 he was elected editor of the "Methodist Protestant", a position which he filled with conspicuous ability and to the satisfaction of the entire church.

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For years he cherished the purpose to write the history of his beloved church, and during his eighteen years as editor he was gathering material for this work. When the paper and Book Concern were in no flattering condition, he was hopeful, and pledged most, if not all, of his fortune to its support. When the burden of editorial work was removed from his shoulders he, after a brief rest, entered upon the crowning work of his life. In feeble health, but with tenacious purpose, he worked on, hoping to be able to finish what he had begun as a boon to his church and to Methodism everywhere. God spared him to do what never had been done before-write an impartial history of Methodism as related to our own church. During the preparation of this work he courted the candid criticism of his brethren, and sought earnestly for the truth wherever it might be found. In his last will and testament he showed his undying love for his church, making it his heir, subject as it was right it should be, to the possible necessities of his faithful and loving wife. respect to his church then we write him down as faithful unto; the end. was one of the wise and faithful toilers in building the institutions of the Methodist Protestant Church. One of the original trustees of Western Maryland College, and deeply concerned for its prosperity, he gave his time and best thought to its interests, and rejoiced in its continued growth and great usefulness to the church.

He was deeply interested in ministerial education. This interest was manifested many times by the use of his pen during his long editorial career, by his presidency of the Board of Governors of the Westminster Theological Seminary during the closing years of his life, and by the liberal provisions of his will, whereby aid is to be furnished young men preparing for the ministry in the Westminster Theological Seminary. His conception of ministerial education was that of a practical rather than a technical training, and called for the cultivation of a regenerated heart as well as for the development and adornment of the mind.

Social contact with him in the work of the church was delightful. To those who came into close relations with him his clear, cultured mind and warm generous heart made the association both pleasant and beneficial. He was brotherly, tender and confidential. A true brother and a generous and faithful friend. How great our loss! How inestimable his gain! "Faithful unto death he has received the crown of life." Farewell, dear brother, till we meet in the Father's house above!

Funeral services were held in North Baltimore Church, where he was accustomed to worship, and the burial was in the family lot in beautiful Oak Ridge Cemetery, Washington, D. C.

S. B. SOUTHERLAND, H. C. CUSHING, W. S. HAMMOND, J. D. KINZER, F. T. TAGG, H. L. ELDERDICE, J. S. CLARK, J. W. HERING, DANIEL BAKER, T. A MURRAY.

to

Rev. Hammond Spencer Leas.

Hammond S. Leas, A. M., B. D., the son of George and Hester Leas, of Westminster, Md., was born December 31, 1872; was converted when about twelve years of age, under the pastorate of Rev. J. D. Kinzer, D. D.; received his early education in the public school at Westminster; was graduated from Western Maryland College in the class of 1893; was also graduated from Westminster Theological Seminary in 1809; received into the Maryland Annual Conference the same year, and appointed to Fairfax; assigned to Felton in April 1903; departed this life December 3, 1903. But these dates and events do not tell the whole story of his life. Prominent and pivotal circumstances stand out like mountainpeaks. We cannot help but see them. But they only show the general direction of one's character and career. So there is a history of every life which cannot be written. There is a story of the inner man which cannot be put into words. Thus we think of Hammond S. Leas as a boy, as a student, as a minister. We cannot rightly estimate the worth of his character as it stood related to the plan of God. We might as well talk about gathering together the diffused fragrance of the flowers or the scattered rays of the sunshine, as to think of bringing together the forces and influences which have emanated from this life, or any other life. Character to be seen in its true proportions must be viewed from the standpoint of eternity. Yet even here and now we may get at least a glimpse of that indefinable something known as personality-the real essence of what one is and does. Truly it can be said Hammond Leas was a good man. Acquaintance with him began with his entrance into our conference ranks. A more intimate acquaintance began with my pastorate at Westminster. In his frequent visits to the home of his parents I came into close touch with him. While I did not know him a long time, I knew him long enough to see the beautiful spirit he possessed. He was conscientious and consistent. He had a definite Christian experience. The religion of Jesus Christ was the very heart of his life; his guide in moments of perplexity; his comfort in hours of sorrow; his inispiration in seasons of joy. And he was a useful man because he was good. He gave himself to the Gospel ministry cause he literally forgot self, his personal interests, his powers of endurance. He preached earnestly, ministered faithfully, worked incessantly. truly a strenuous life. Only a few years of toil, but into those few years was crowded a heroic service. We transfer his name to the roll of our beloved dead, but back of that name memory will not forget to write-A most zealous and successful ministry. The ministerial members of this committee, as with one common voice, bring their tributes as follows: Rev. A. H. Green writes. "As a preacher I think he was above the average. He was always ready to help his brethren in the ministry, and while helping in protracted meetiings on Concord Circuit, the people said they never heard such preaching. thoroughly consecrated to the work—a man who loved God and his fellowmen." Rev. J. M. Dickey writes, "He was an earnest student, a careful preacher, a willing worker, a true man, a practical church builder, a lover of the ministry and a real friend. His house of clay was burned out by enthusiastic endeavors to serve the all-Father and make bad men good and good men better," Rev. B.

F. Ruley writes, "He was born of that sturdy character which, after it was properly developed by contact with Christ through the power of His teachings, would permit no flinching in the time of needed duty. He was prompt to rebuke sin, quick to a fault, generous and sympathetic, with a keen intellect and indomitable courage that did not brook the idea of failure. I feel like saying partly with another,

"Green be the turf above thee, Friend of my bygone days; I knew thee but to love thee, I named thee but to praise."

The lay members of this committee have also added a word of commenda-Bro. T. C. Routson, a classmate, writes, "A genial companion, an earnest student, a good man." Bro. W. H. Fox refers to his splendid ministry on Fairfax charge in these words, "He was thoroughly consecrated to his work. only gave us excellent sermons from the pulpit, but did much personal work among the people. His chief aim was the promotion of his Master's cause." Felton was the next field of labor. On account of failing health he was compelled to give up the work after remaining with his people but two or three months. Yet he tarried long enough to leave this impression: "He was filled with the Holy Ghost." So writes Bro. Edward Dill. Thus a good and useful life has come to an early close on earth. Do we ask why God Do we reason thus—more time spent should take our brother so soon? in getting ready for work than in the actual work itself, and more need for earnest, well-equipped workers than ever before? Who can interpret Perhaps it is best for us not to know. the providences of God? Our confidence and hope must ever rest in the beneficent purposes of heaven. brother was anxious to live, and why should he not have been anxious to live? He was a young man. He had a promising future. His short ministry had been blessed with signal success and reaching out into larger usefulness. What was more natural than an earnest desire to live? This desire was actuated by the purest of motives. During the long season of illness he frequently said, "I want to get well and strong so I can do good in the world." Animated by this unselfish purpose, he made a diligent search for health. In the early fall he went to the home of his brother-in-law, Rev. A. H. Green, at Roxbury, Pa., hoping the bracing mountain air would bring color to his cheek and vigor to his body, but the disease, which for some time had been sapping his strength and life was more deep-seated than he at first thought. Gradually he grew weaker and at last, realizing the end was near, he yielded to the will of God, not in disappointment, but in the sweet spirit of Christian resignation. strange that this good and useful life should end here amid triumph. If we could have entered the dying chamber just for a moment, we would have heard the immortal spirit of Hammond Leas singing, "The angels are hovering around." Surely we could not have doubted that even then the angels on the other side were extending the welcome of heaven to a tired, worn-out traveler falling beneath his heavy burden. Faithful unto death, he has received the crown of eternal life. The funeral services were held at the Methodist Protestant Church, Westminster. Revs. W. A. Crouse, T. H. Lewis, D. D., and L. F. Warner,

the pastor, made short addresses. The church was crowded with the people of the town "where he had been brought up." Our departed brother made a favorable impression wherever he went, but in the respect and esteem of the home community his memory will find its most enduring testimonial. Not far from the scenes of his boyhood days and by the side of the mortal remains of a devoted wife, his body sleeps, waiting for the glory of the resurrection morn. The services at the grave were conducted by the Masonic fraternity of Westminster.

L. F. WARNER, A. H. GREEN, J. M. DICKEY, B. F. RULEY, T. C. ROUTSON, W. H. FOX, EDWARD DILL.

Rev. Adolphus David Melvin

In the death of this estimable and highly honored minister of the Gospel, the Maryland Annual Conference has lost one of its most active and efficient members, and the church at large one of its most successful ministers. the time Dr. Melvin entered the conference in 1872 up to and including the conference of 1903, he was uniformly present at roll-call, and an earnest and intelligent participant in the deliberations of the conference sessions. amination of the minutes will disclose the fact that up to the period of his election to the presidency his name appears in almost every conference as chairman of some of its most important committees. And in the comitmtee room, where a great part of the real work of the conference is done, he was patient, industrious and tactful, and the conclusions of his committee were rarely changed by the conference. In this, as in every other work in which he was engaged for the church, he gave both his head and his heart. Dr. Melvin will be greatly missed in the sessions of the conference. Everybody loved him. There was nothing of the pessimist in his nature. He was buoyant, resourceful, hopeful, and consequently helpful. He was wonderfully endowed with the faculty of seeing the best and brightest side of everything. This gave him courage, and in this spirit and with his sunshiny disposition, he imparted courage and inspiration to those who were about him. In the social circle his presence was always a delight. His beautiful Christian spirit, his well-filled and well-poised mind, and his genial manner made him a welcome visitor in every home. His ability to readily adapt himself to his surroundings was a great blessing to him and to those whom he met. To the old and young and the middle-aged, he was alike agreable and helpful. He departed this life, to be with Christ, on the 13th day of February, 1904, in Kent county, Md., near the home of his childhood. He was born the 10th of April, 1846, and came of talented Methodist Protestant ancestry. His parents were Anderson W. and Susan Melvin, both of whom were born and raised near Burrsville, Caroline County, Md., from which place they moved into Kent County in 1838 and located on a farm near Chestertown, and it was here that A. D. Melvin was born, and resided till he was twenty-four years old. His father, Anderson W. Melvin, was a layman of the Methodist Protestant Church, very active in church

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work, and frequently attended conference as delegate. The grandfather of A. D. Melvin, the Rev. Thomas Melvin, was an unstationed minister of the Methodist Protestant Church, lived and did much active church work near Burrsville, where he built the first house of worship ever erected there, and was also a member of the convention that met in Baltimore in 1828 and organized the When he was fourteen years old A. D. Melvin Methodist Protestant Church. embraced religion at a woods-meeting held near his home under the ministry of Revs. J. R. Nichols and J. E. Maloy, and immediately joined the society that afterwards built Kennedyville Methodist Protestant Church. His gifts of speech and song made him an active and useful member of this church, to which he devoted his consecrated powers until he was twenty-four years old, when he went into Delaware and taught school two years just before entering the active ministry. He joined the conference in 1872, and received his first appointment at the hands of Dr. Daniel E. Reese, as associate pastor of Baltimore Circuit, Rev. John R. Nichols being the senior pastor. The next year he served Belair charge with Rev. John Roberts, and at the conference of 1874 he was sent to Eutaw, where he remained three years. During his pastorate here he built the parsonage and was married to Miss M. A. B. Walton, who has continued as his companion ever since, and with eight children is left to mourn her loss. Eutaw he went to Talbot in 1877, which then included Oxford. His next During his three years pastorate here he did very charge was Hampden. successful work. He used some heroic methods with this church, which placed it upon a much more secure and progressive basis, and he himself came into prominence as a faithful minister and pastor. In 1884 he was sent to Warwick, which was then at its best and considered a very desirable charge. At the expiration of his pastorate of two years here he was appointed to Poconioke City. This was his longest, and in many respects, most successful pastorate. The church and entire community were blessed with one of the greatest revivals in the history of the town, and many of the most prominent business men and leading citizens of the town were converted and brought into the church. placed our church, which had always been prominent, at the very head of the religious forces of the town. He was also successful in building the present He was sent to Westminster in 1892. splendid and commodious parsonage. This proved to be his last charge in active pastorate. Here, as usual, he did splendid work and made for himself an enviable reputation as a preacher. In the spring of 1896 he was appointed secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, in which capacity, and as agent for the conference benevolences, he served during that conference year. He was elected president of the conference in 1897, and re-elected to the limit of five years. On retiring from this position, he was made endowment secretary of Western Maryland College, which position he held up to the time of his death. In 1901 Western Maryland College conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity. The above is but a very brief historic epitome of one who has gone in and out before the conference as a minister of Christ and a brother beloved for the last thirty-four years. He was a man among men. He was correct in his principles and upright in character. He breathed the purer air of an exalted Christian manhood. His were the instincts of the Christian gentleman. In his life were united and blended the finer qualities of the natural man and the heaven-born, and added Christian graces, making the new man in Christ. As a minister of the Gospel he was chaste in conversation and genial and affable in manner. He was not only approachable by the humblest, but took pains to put himself within reach of every one, and with a kindly sympathy, served them in the Gospel. duly sensible of the sacredness of his calling, and always sought to honor and magnify Christ in his life. As a preacher his style was neither oratorical nor scholarly, but majestic in its simplicity, clearness, directness and earnestness. The Gospel fell from his lips as it welled up from a heart upon which the Spirit had breathed a holy unction. He was mighty in the Scriptures. His style also while extemporaneous, was not verbose. He had a wealth of thought, and expressed it in well-chosen and fitting language. He always knew what he was about when he arose to preach, and reached his conclusions with logical, unerring precision, and generally took his hearers with him. Scripture truth was clear and real to him, and his was the rare faculty of making it the same to those who sat under his ministry. He had the unusual power to take the simplest and most commonplace truth of the Gospel and so elevate, illustrate and magnify it that it became luminous and convincing. He was not always No man is. But when he was it is doubtful whether he had a at his best. superior in our own or any other church in lucid Scripture exposition and forceful Gospel preaching. His mind sought the center of things. He comprehended every subject he considered. He could think himself right into the heart of a Scripture truth and through and around it. This power of penetration He loved to preach the Gospel, with him at times seemed almost intuitive. and he also loved to make sermons. The homiletic habit with him was well formed and active. He made sermons as he rode in trains, drove across the country in carriages, and sat with the preachers in their studies. It was his delight to help his younger brethren to preach. He showed them how to make He was better than books on homiletics, for he revealed his own sermons. processes and gave them practical ideas of sermonizing. He was one of the unique strong men of our conference. In his death there has gone out from our fellowship in the flesh a true man of God. His life was a success in the highest sense, and now he has won the greatest of all encomiums-the well done good and faithful servant from the lips of the glorified Master, and heard the sweetest of all strains, the salvos of the ransomed throng. an impress for good upon his tellow man which none of the dissolving forces of time will ever obliterate. He has gone from us but the fragrance of his memory will linger long, and we shall be braver and stronger because of We shall often recall the sweet counsel we took together, and bide our time till we see him again and renew a fellowship and friendship that One whose acquaintance with Dr. Melvin was very shall never be broken. intimate says of him: "His worth was proven in the manner in which he filled As president hesacrificed every place to which his brethren called him. personal comfort and rest that he might thoroughly acquaint himself with the needs of the churches and devote himself to the best interest of the conference district and his brethren. Carefully, thoughtfully, prayerfully,

he considered each place and each man, and did that which he thought just and right after such consideration. As a preacher he was clear and forcible. In exegesis he was so clear that he compelled people to see the truth; in illustration he was original and shed much light upon a perplexing point by giving it a pictorial setting; in application he was intensely practical and forceful, making men feel the power of the Gospel as he applied it to every-day life. He loved to preach, and over and over again during my last visits, he said to me: 'I would give anything if I were able to preach again.' But this was not to be; God silenced the tongue that was eloquent for Him. In character, Dr. Melvin was gentle, yet strong; kind, yet firm; definite in his convictions, sincere in his friendships; forgetful of self and unconscious of his own impor-His one aim was to glorify Christ in the service and the life he gave to And thus has passed to his heavenly home one who, in a large the church. measure, shared the love of his brethren, who honored God in his ministry, and whose life and good works were a benediction to the church. Funeral services were held in the Methodist Protestant Church at Chestertown, on Wednesday, February 17, Rev. F. T. Little, D. D., president of the conference; Dr. D. L. Greenfield, Revs. R. S. Rowe, G. W. Haddaway, and B. F. Truitt, taking part in the Very touching and appropriate remarks were made by Drs. Little and Greenfield, and temporary interment was made in the cemetery at Chestertown.

J. D. KINZER, E. C. MAKOSKY, B. P. TRUITT, J. W. HERING, WM. F. KING, ISAAC CROWTHER.

Mrs. Lydia Roop Price *

Lydia Roop Price, wife of Rev. H. H. Price of the Maryland Conference, born March 11th, 1877, died in Delta, Pennsylvania, July 16th, 1903, and buried from the ancestral home—"Meadow Brook"—near Westminster, Maryland, July 18th. by Revs. J. D. Kinzer, L. F. Warner, and C. D. Bonsack. Methodist Protestant from childhood and an alumnus of Western Maryland College of the class of '94. May 8th, 1902, she was married and moved to Dover, Delaware, where she so identified herself with all church work as to win the hearts of the entire community. The following April she moved to Delta, where she began to repeat the brilliant record made at Dover. She awakened religious activities and shaped character among the young people. An amiable disposition, a winsome face, a tactful manner and a sincere spirit made her irresistible as a leader. As a Christian her character was so symmetrical and her conduct so consistent that all who entered the range of her influence felt the force and saw the beauty of a rare life. That life cannot be measured by the few short years between her cradle and her grave, for she has left a memory that cannot perish and she has entered the highlands of heaven with an immortality The bud was not nipped by an untimely frost, but blossomed early-"every saint in heaven is a flower in the garden of God."

J. D. KINZER,
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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Total for General Interests

	1904	1903	Increase	Decrease
President Conference Ministerial Education Seminary College Superannuates Church Extension Home Missions. Foreign Missions. Special for Foreign Missions. Bible Tract Church Home	412 544 1786 1310 3466 3532 1900 2648 4549 435 162	\$ 2966 427 565 1796 1339 3541 3553 1793 2399 4661 411 364 595	107 249 24 79	\$ 18 15 21 10 29 75 21 112 202
Total	24366	24410		44

Total for Local Interests.

Pastors' Salary Parsonage Rent Current Expenses Sunday School Expenses Paid on Building and Improvements Paid on Debt Miscellaneous.	14121 27806 11647 51814 22757	73734 12187 25706 11371 58509 25104 6828	1781 1984 2100 276	6695 2347 168
Total for Local Interests Total for all Purposes	210320	213439		3119 3163

Assessments.

President	3000	3000	1	
Conference	475	427	48	
Ministerial Education	661	619	42	
Seminary	1902	1902		
College	1418	1444		26
Superannuates	4513	4033	480	
Church Extension	4184	4188		4
Home Missions.	2530	2041	489	
Foreign Missions	2875	2874	1	

W. N. SHERWOOD,

Conference Steward.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Membership

`	1904	1905	Increase	Decrease
Unstationed Ministers and Preachers	70	68	1 2	
Probationers	1161	1367		206
Full Members		23584	537	
Probationers at last Conference		1405		54
Probationers Received		1492		309
Probationers Elected to Membership	1018	901	117	
Probationers Withdrawn	9	22		13
Probationers Discontinued	318	295	23	•
Probationers Deceased	17	16	1	
Full Members Received	1968	1916	52	
Full Members Withdrawn	283	362		79
Full Members Discontinued	832	798	34	
Full Members Deceased	274	290		16
Sunday Schools	275	271	4	
Sunday School Officers and Teachers	3427	3457		30
New Scholars	2656	2580	76	
Sunday School Scholars on Roll		25620		1186
Y. P. S. C. E	114	116	1	2
Y. P. S. C. E. Members	4021	4140		119
Junior C. E. Societies	56	54	2	
Junior C. E. Members	2136	2000	136	
Adults Baptized		186		25
Children Baptized		1764		360
Conversions		2378	10	355

Property.

Appointments	292	290	2 (
Churches		2891		2.
Parsonages		96	8	
Value of Church Property	1465469	1193700	271269	. /
Value of Parsonage Property	210985	185710	25275	
Debt on Churches and Parsonages	83165	75738	7427	
Insurance on Churches and Parsonages	661851	638120	23731	
Church Papers Taken		1862	101	1.

H. L. SCHLINCKE, C. E. DRYDEN, Committee on Statistics.

MANUAL

RULES OF ORDER

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Government of the Maryland Annuai Conference

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCE.

1. Pastors shall send to the Secretary of the Annual Conference the certificate of election of the delegate or delegates to the Annual Conference immediately after the election of the same. He shall also send the name to the President of the Conference and the pastor of the church where the Conference is held.

2. The Secretary shall make a list of the delegates so certified, omitting all contested cases; and this list, together with the list of the ministerial members, shall constitute the roll of Conference upon which the Conference shall organize.

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

Rule I-Duties of the President:-

1. To take the chair precisely at the hour agreed on at the last adjournment. 2. Preserve the most rigid order, and confine the members to the subject under consideration.

3. Not allow improper personalities nor reflections upon any religious communities.

4. Announce each person rising to speak as soon as he shall have addressed the chair by declaring him "The minister from —," or "The delegate from —."
5. State a question sitting, but stand when the question is put and taken; also

when he states a point of order, and also when he makes any formal communication to the Conference.

6. Is not allowed to vote when a question is taken unless there be a tie, but he may vote in case of ballot.
7. May call any member to the chair when he wishes to participate in debate

or for other purposes, but such person shall not be entitled to the chair after adjournment.

There shall be a meeting on Tuesday evening before the meeting of the Annual Conference in the interest of Temperance. On Wednesday evening (the first day of the session) there shall be a meeting in the interest of Sunday-Schools and Christian Endeavor; on Thursday evening, in the interest of Literature and Education; on Friday evening, in the interest of Missions, and on Monday evening, in the interest of Ministerial Support.

The President shall appoint a chairman for each of these meetings, who shall secure speakers, preside at the meeting and make all other necessary arrange-

ments.

9. The office of stationing the ministers and preachers is committed to the hands of the President of the Conference.

10. It shall be the duty of the President to fill blanks in statistical reports for all charges unsupplied.

11. In the event of the death of any ministerial member the President shall immediately appoint an Obituary Committee from any number of the most intimate acquaintances of the deceased.

12. The failure of the President to visit any charge does not vitiate his right

to the amount assessed for his salary.

13. The President shall represent the general interests of the Conference, and shall present their claims in such a manner and at such times as in his judgment may be necessary. And he shall use his utmost efforts with the Quarterly Conferences of the various charges to secure a salary of not less than \$600 for the minister with family, appointed as pastor, who has itinerated five years within the bounds of the Maryland Conference, and he shall urge upon the various charges the prompt payment of the salaries of the pastors.

Rule II-Duties of the Secretary:-

1. To perform such duties as are usually required of the Secretary of a deliberative body.

2. Should the President not be in place at the hour of meeting the Secretary, or in his absence one of his assistants, shall announce the fact, and the Conference shall elect a chairman "pro tempore" and proceed to business.

3. Have charge of all the papers belonging to the Conference and be accountable for them.

Be in his place precisely at the hour agreed on at the last adjournment.
 Keep an accurate list of members of the Conference.

6. Keep correct minutes of the proceedings of the Conference, including all written resolutions, whether adopted or rejected, and the mover and seconder of all written resolutions.

7. Keep a list of business, on which he shall record all business brought before

the Conference and in the order of its presentation.

8. Keep a list of committees, on which he shall record: First, the standing committees in the order of their arrangement in these rules, and second, all other committees that may be appointed, and in the order of their appointment.

9. Keep a correct list of the Circuits and Stations, to be used as occasion may

require.

10. Report to the Conference any unfinished business of the preceding annual session.

11. Be a member of the Committee on the Publication of the Minutes.

12. Supply the pastors with blanks.

13. He shall have a printed record of the Minutes duly certified by himself, which shall be considered the Official Minutes of the Conference, substantially bound every quadrennium, and include in each volume a copy of the General Conference Journal.

COMMITTEES.

Rule III-All committees shall be appointed by the President, except when otherwise directed in the Book of the Discipline, or by special vote of the Conference.

Rule IV-Standing Committees:-

Finance—2 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
 Itinerancy and Orders—The Faculty of Instruction.

3. Pulpit Service-3 Ministers.

- 4. Church Extension-3 Ministers, 3 Laymen. 5. Superannuates-3 Ministers, 3 Laymen. 6. Literature-3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
- 7. Sunday Schools—3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
- 8. Temperance—3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
 9. Benevolent Agencies—3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
 10. Fraternal Relations—3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.
 11. Official Character—3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.

12. Statistics—1 Minister, 1 Layman.
13. Obituaries—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen. This committee not to be appointed until the death of some minister requires it.

14. Education-3 Ministers, 2 Laymen.

- 15. Committee on Missions—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.16. President's Report—2 Ministers, 1 Layman.
- 17. Sabbath Observance-3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
- 18. Committee on Credentials—1 Minister, 2 Laymen.
 19. Christian Endeavor Work—3 Ministers, 3 Laymen.
- 20. Publication of Minutes-The Secretary and 2 Ministers.

21. Committee on Transportation.
22. Committee on Church Enterprises—2 Ministers, 3 Laymen.

Rule V-Any person being a member of two committees shall have the right to decline an appointment to another.

MOTIONS.

Rule VI—Every motion shall be written, signed and read aloud by the mover, handed to the chair and read aloud by the Secretary, before any order can be taken upon it by the Conference; except motions for amendment, to lie on the table, the previous question, or to adjourn.

Rule VII-Any motion may be divided, if the sense will admit of the proposed division.

Rule VIII—When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lie on the table, for the previous question, to commit, to substitute, to amend, or to make the order of the day; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand in this rule; the first three to be taken without debate; and the first always in order. But when the report of a committee has been under discussion, the motion to lay on the table shall not prevail until the chairman of the committee shall have been heard once on the subject, if he desires to speak.

Rule IX-The question under discussion shall be put whenever a call for it is made by five brethren, and sustained by a majority of the Conference.

Rule X-When motions are made for reference of the same subject to a select committee, and to a standing committee, the question on reference to the standing committee shall be first put.

Rule XI—No motion to commit, or to lie on the table, being decided, shall be again allowed, on the same day, at the same stage of the proposition.

Rule XII-A motion, after it is seconded, is the property of the Conference, and the mover has no power to withdraw or have it amended, without leave.

Rule XIII-No amendment shall be in order, further than an amendment to the amendment.

Rule XIV—In filling up blanks, the largest sum and longest time shall be first put. In balloting, blanks shall be rejected and not reported by the tellers.

DECORUM.

Rule XV—When a member desires to present any business, or to speak to any question, he shall arise and address the chair, "Brother President," and then pause until he is announced to the Conference; after which he may proceed addressing the chair, and restricting his remarks to the subject before the Conference.

Rule XVI If two or more members rise at the same time, the President shall determine which of them is entitled to the floor.

Rule XVII-No interruption shall be allowed while a member is addressing the chair, except a call to order by the President or by a member.

Rule XVIII-When a member is called to order he shall take his seat immediately, and be silent, until the President or member who made the call shall state the rule of order supposed to be infringed; after which the member called to order shall have the right to explain, and the President shall decide.

Rule XIX—In deciding a question of order the President shall restrict himself to the rules of order, and any member declared to be out of order by the President may, if he obtain a second, appeal to the Conference. The question on such appeal shall be taken without debate, but the appellant may state the ground of his appeal. If the Conference sustains the chair, the member shall be allowed to proceed only in order.

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Rule XX—No member shall speak oftener than twice to the same question, without special leave of the Conference, nor longer than fifteen minutes at any one time, unless by the same special permission.

Rule XXI—No member shall be allowed to explain remarks made in previous speech, except in regular debate, unless the member replying thereto requests it, or unless another member requests.

Rule XXII—Any member shall have the right to call or the reading of the subject under consideration.

Rule XXIII—Every member shall report at roll call of the first day's session, and be present at the daily sessions of Conference.

Rule XXIV—After the affirmative of a question has been put, any member who has not spoken before to the question may rise and speak before the negative is put.

Rule XXV—A member may change his vote at any time before the chair announces the decision of the question.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE ANNUAL SESSION.

Rule XXVI—At 9 o'clock A. M., on the day to which the Conference adjourned from the last annual session, the President shall open the Conference by reading a portion of the Word of God, singing and prayer.

Rule XXVII:-

- 1. Examination of the President. The President shall call another minister to the chair and read his annual report. The chairman shall then address the Conference thus: "Brethren, you have heard the report of the President; shall his character pass?" In case of any charge against the official character of the President, it shall be handed to the Standing District Committee; and the chairman of that committee shall answer the question, "Shall his character pass?"
- 2. Roll Call. The roll shall then be called, including the Dead Roll. In the event of the death of any member of this Conference the President shall appoint some member to formally announce the fact to the Conference, and such announcement shall be made when the name of the deceased is reached in the calling of the Conference Roll, and the same shall then, on motion, be transferred to the Dead Roll by the Secretary in the presence of the Conference, and on Sunday afternoon during the session, immediately following the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, memorial services for the deceased shall be observed.

Rule XXVIII—At 10:30 o'clock on the first day of each session of the Annual Conference the President, or his substitute, shall preach a sermon. On Sunday afternoon the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered. The President shall also appoint some one to preach the Ordination Sermon at 11 A. M. of Sunday.

Rule XXIX—At 2:30 o'clock P. M. on the first day of the session, the officers of the Conference shall be elected by ballot as follows: 1. President. 2. Secretary. 3. Conference Steward. 4. Church Extension Steward. 5. Superannuated Fund Steward. 6. Foreign Missionary Steward. 7. General Home Missionary Steward. 8. Educational Steward. 9. Our Church Home Steward. 10. Bible and Tract Steward. The Board of Stewards elected at one session to serve the following session of Conference, and the Conference Steward to appoint an assistant. 11. Standing District Committee, consisting of three elders and three laymen. 12. Committee of Appeals, three ministers and three laymen.

Rule XXX—Examination of Official Character. The roll shall be called and the pastors shall deposit their reports, and the collections prescribed by the Conference, each in a sealed envelope, upon which shall be marked the amount, the name of the collection, the name of the pastor and the name of the charge in the box of the Conference Steward. The reports and charges against official character shall be handed to the Committee on Official Character.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE DIURNAL SESSION.

Rule XXXI—The Conference shall be opened each day by reading the Scriptures, singing a hymn, and prayer.

Rule XXXII—The reading of the Minutes of the preceding day for correction shall be first in order.

Rule XXXIII—The President shall then announce that it is in order for delegates to present any business from the churches they represent; when any delegate, upon recognition by the Chair, may present any business, it shall be recorded without debate on the list of business.

Rule XXXIV—The business next in order shall be the Reports of Committees, called for in the order in which they stand on the List of Committees. They shall not report at any other time without special leave.

Rule XXXV—When any business is laid before the Conference it may be made the order of the day for any other day of the session and at a specific hour.

Rule XXXVI—Unfinished business from the last annual session shall have precedence of all business except the order of the day.

Rule XXXVII—Ordinary business shall have precedence in the order in which it stands on the List of Business.

Rule XXXVIII—When any business is taken into consideration it shall not be interrupted by any other business except the order of the day or by adjournment.

Rule XXXIX—When there are present Fraternal Messengers and other visitors to whom the courtesy of formal recognition is due, the Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Relations shall quietly inform the President, whereupon the President may request the visitors to be brought to him, to be by him introduced to the Conference, either at that time or when the state of business may with more propriety be arrested.

THE I RESIDENT'S PARSONAGE.

Rule XL—The Conference endorses the action of the Committee in the purchase of the property, No. 1420 Linden Ave, Baltimore, as the President's parsonage.

Rule XLI—The assessment of \$3000 shall be continued under the name of "President's Salary." to be appropriated as follows: Seventy-five per cent of the amount raised to be paid to the President as his salary and traveling expenses. Twenty-five per cent of the amount raised to be paid to the Agent of the President's parsonage, who shall pay out of this amount, first, the interest on the purchase money; second, the water rent, insurance and needful repairs of the property; think the reduction of the principal of the loan.

DUTIES OF STEWARDS.

1. The Conference Steward, Church Extension Steward, Superannuated Fund Steward, Foreign Missionary Steward, General Home Missionary Steward, Educational Steward, Our Church Home Steward, and Bible and Tract Steward, shall constitute a Conference Board of Stewards, to whom the Secretary shall hand all reports and collections as received from pastors.

. 2. The Board of Stewards shall meet on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock and open the envelopes containing the various collections, count the money enclosed, noting its agreement with the statement of the official report, and on the cn-velope, and prepare a report of collections to the Conference. The money in hand shall then be passed to the persons designated by the Conference to receive it, and the Reports to the Committee on Official Reports.

3. Other duties belonging to the several Stewards shall be performed and reported upon separately as now.

DUTIES OF PASTORS.

1. The pastor shall seek the co-operation of the Stewards in collecting the assessments made by the Annual Conference, admonishing them of their duty in

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this matter as contained in the Discipline, under the head of "Duties of Stewards," pp. 116-17.

2. It is the duty of pastors to examine and see that suitable deeds be had for all churches, so as to secure them to the Methodist Protestant Church, and,

whenever possible, have them incorporated. 3. Pastors are required to apportion the President's salary equitably among the several appointments, and use their utmost endeavors to collect the same before the annual visit of the President.

4. Pastors are required to see that the families belonging to their respective

charges are duly supplied with the Catechism of our Church.

5. Pastors are instructed to ascertain of those received into the Church whether they have been baptized, and if not, to administer the ordinance of baptism without unnecessary delay.

6. Every pastor is required to do his utmost to collect the full amount of the assessments made upon his charge, whatever may be the difficulties that he

may encounter.

It is the duty of the pastor to preside on the trial of an accused unstationed

minister or preacher.

8. Pasto 7 are required to report to the Annual Conference the amounts contributed * Foreign Missions by the auxiliaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, and due credit shall be given the Minutes.

EXPENSES OF CONFERENCE.

The churches shall be assessed in a sum sufficient to meet the incidental expenses, including the publication of the Minutes-each church receiving Minutes in proportion to the amount contributed.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR QUARTERLY CONFERENCES.

The Conference shall be opened by reading a portion of the Word of God and prayer, after which the business shall proceed in the following order:—

1. Call the roll, noting those present and absent.

 Read minutes of last meeting.
 Make necessary corrections in official list. 4. Consider objections to official character.

5. At first Quarterly Conference elect a Secretary, an Advisory Committee and Committee on Examinations.

6. Hear reports-

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a. From pastor and associates.

b. From superannuates.

c. From unstationed ministers, preachers and exhorters.

d. From class-leaders, S. S. Superintendents and Presidents of C. E. Societies.

e. From Trustees and Stewards.

7. Hear and decide on appeals.

8. Inquire faithfully whether candidates for exhorter's and preacher's license for itinerancy and orders pursue the prescribed course of study and reading.

9. Grant and renew licenses.

Recommend to Board of Ministerial Education.
 Recommend for orders and itinerancy.

12. Consider applications of ministers and preachers who desire to become members of this Quarterly Conference.

13. Hear suggestions from Advisory Committee. 14. Inquire why church property is not insured.

Incidental business.

Fix place for next Quarterly Conference.

17. Adjourn with benediction.

SUFFRAGE AND ELIGIBILITY.

1. Every minister, preacher and member in full communion and fellowship having attained the age of twenty-one years shall be entitled to vote in all cases.

2. All members in full communion and fellowship shall have the right to vote in the election of their class-leaders; and those who have attained the age of twenty-one years shall be "qualified members" for the purpose indicated in Section 3 of Article IV of the Constitution, and in divisions 1 and 4 of "General Duties of Trustees," found on pages 114 and 115 of Discipline.

3. Every minister, preacher and lay male member in full communion and fellowship having attained the age of twenty-five years shall be eligible as a rep-

resentative in the General Conference.

4. Every member in full communion and fellowship having attained the age of twenty-one years shall be eligible as a Steward, Class-leader and Sunday-school Superintendent; and every male member in full communion and fellowship having attained the age of twenty-one years shall be eligible as a Trustee and a Delegate to the Annual Conference.

5. No minister shall be eligible to the office of President of the Annual Conference until he shall have faithfully exercised the office of Elder two years.

ADMINISTERING ORDINANCES.

No person, in virtue merely of a license to preach, or even election to orders, is empowered to administer or assist in administering the Christian dinances.

UNSTATIONED MINISTERS.

The Conference will not recognize as a minister of the Methodist Protestant Church any man who does not bring credentials from some other orthodox denomination, or who has not received suitable testimonials of ministerial character from our own Church. In returning the list of ministers and preachers, pastors shall name no person who does not possess the foregoing qualifications.

LOTTERIES.

The practice of raising funds for church purposes, by means of lotteries and other games of hazard, is disapproved by the Conference, and pastors are enjoined to discountenance their use.

MORTGAGING CHURCH PROPERTY.

The placing of mortgages upon church property, for the purpose, directly or indirectly, of paying the pastor's salary, is, so far as it has authority, disallowed by the Conference.

OBITUARIES.

1. It shall be the duty of the Committee, appointed in accordance with the Rule of Conference, to prepare an obituary, without delay, containing a notice of the place and date of the birth of the brother, the date of his conversion, receiving license to preach, and his reception into the Conference, together with any other important facts connected with his history which their judgment may dictate, in addition to the particulars of his death, and said obituary shall at once be forwarded to the "Methodist Protestant" for publication, and be reported to the ensuing session of Conference.

2. Every ministerial member of this Conference is hereby requested to make and keep by him a record of his nativity, and of all the prominent acts in his

Christian and ministerial history.

3. The obituaries of wives and widows of the ministerial members of the Conference shall also be published in the Minutes.

MOTIONS TO FIX TIME AND PLACE.

All motions to fix time and place of the meeting of the Annual Conference shall lie on the table twenty-four hours.

MARRIAGES.

The Conference cannot encourage any of its members to expect support as married men until they shall have served at least four years in the itinerancy.

TITLES AND DEGREES.

Inasmuch as the degree of Doctor of Philosophy is the badge of University work and most rigid examinations—a degree which our better Colleges refuse to confer, and Universities do not confer for honor, but only for merit in advanced special studies-we feel sure no worthy institution would confer such a title for work done by correspondence, and the man who consents to bear a title so conferred subjects himself to the ridicule of scholars and involves the ministry in a charge of vanity and insincerity. Therefore, this Conference expresses its disapproval of this method of obtaining degrees, and declines to recognize in any way a title so obtained.

CAMP-MEETINGS.

Camp meetings shall have the sanction of Conference and receive ministerial id from it on the following conditions:-

1. There shall be no traffic on the Lord's day on the camp-ground or the ad-

jacent territory protected by the laws of the State.

2. The managers or other officers of the camp-meeting shall not bargain for or receive any portion of the money paid to railroads, or to the owner or owners of any conveyance or conveyances, as a consideration for conveying persons to the camp-ground, or the vicinity thereof, on the Lord's day.

4. No advertisement of the running of trains on the Lord's day shall be made by any of the persons referred to in the preceding paragraphs, nor shall anything be done by their authority or solicitation to contravene the foregoing reg-

ulations.

5. Upon receiving from a quarterly conference a request for ministerial supply and a pledge that the above regulations will be faithfully observed, the President of the Annual Conference shall appoint members of this Conference to assist in conducting the camp-meeting.

In the absence of a request and a pledge such as are named above, the President shall not appoint such ministerial supply, nor shall any member of this

Conference conduct such camp-meeting as pastor.

Appointees to camp-meeting service must be given four weeks' notice of their appointment. If they find it inconvenient to attend they shall promptly present their excuse to the President. If the President declines to revoke their appointment, a failure to attend shall be reported to this Conference by the President.

MISSIONARY REGULATIONS.

1. Contributions for church extension shall be sent to the Treasurer of the Church Extension Society, that he may disburse the funds to the missionaries according to their various claims.

2. Pastors are instructed to have the Church Extension collections in the hands of the Treasurer by the end of the second quarter of the conference year. 3. The Committee on Church Extension shall ascertain what amount of funds

may be regarded as available for church extension purposes the ensuing year.

4. Appropriations shall not exceed the amount which may reasonably be ex-

pected from collections and interest on legacies.

5. The Church Extension Society of this Conference shall elect seven Trustees for each mission, who shall hold all the property on our mission fields in trust of said Society, and yearly thereafter select a new Board of Trustees as long as the mission relation is sustained. But whenever the mission shall become a circuit or station, the "qualified members," at a meeting regularly called the purpose, shall have the power to elect their own Trustees, to whom the tees appointed by the Church Extension Society shall surrender the church

property, together with the books, papers or other valuables held by them as

6. When any number of the members of any of our missions shall, through disaffection or from other causes, form themselves into classes, withholding themselves from the means of grace or suffer themselves to be led by those who refuse to attend the official meetings of the church, or shall in any other way walk disorderly, on a charge being brought against such person or persons, the

missionary shall see that the accused are tried according to Discipline trial o members. But should the class, of which the accused is a member, refuse o neglect to select two of their number to serve on the committee of trial, there the missionary shall fill the committee by having them selected from any othe class in the mission, or from an adjoining station or circuit, as he may think proper, and should the accused be found guilty he, she or they shall be suspended or expelled, as the committee may direct. And should the entire mission become refractory the missionary shall be authorized to select them accord ing to the provision of the Discipline for trial of churches; provided, however that the person convicted shall in this, and in all cases where the trial is by jury, have an appeal to the Quarterly Conference of the church from which the committee of trial is selected, at the session next ensuing, whose decision shall be final.

7. Missions shall hold Quarterly Conferences.

8. When a charge is preferred against any member of the church the mission ary shall see that the accused is tried in accordance with the regulations of

Discipline for the trial of members.

9. Any mission having a missionary shall be entitled to one delegate to the Annual Conference, provided the missionary have a seat, who shall be elected by the qualified members of the mission, at least two weeks preceding the session of the Annual Conference.

10. No member of the Methodist Protestant Church shall hold membership

in a mission and station at the same time.

11. Until a class is formed in a mission the missionary shall have authority to

receive probationers into full membership.

12. The missionary in charge is invested with authority to receive or reject applicants for membership, as he in his judgment may deem most conducive to the welfare of the mission.

13. When a mission becomes a circuit or station, the property must be so transferred to the trustees elected by the qualified members as to secure it to the Methodist Protestant Church.

14. The Board of Managers of the Church Extension Society is empowered to appoint or dismiss trustees in missions during the recess of Conference.

15. All qualified members shall be entitled to vote for stewards in missions.

16. The Society shall pay the traveling expenses of such members of the Board of Managers as do not reside in the city.

17. The Board of Managers has full power to act on all matters pertaining to

the Church Extension Society in the interim of Conference.

SUPERANNUATED FUND REGULATIONS.

1. The Committee on Superannuated Claimants shall report to Conference all those names which, in its judgment, properly belong to-the superannuated list. 2. The two interests, the collections for Superannuates and the interest on the Superannuated Fund, are blended, and the Committee is instructed to act ac-

cordingly.

3. The Committee in making appropriations shall be governed by the ascertained probable resources of the Conference; they shall discriminate according to the comparative claims of the several recipients, taking into consideration: 1. The time of service in the Conference. 2. The value of said service to the Conference. 3. The size of family. 4. The peculiarities of location, etc. 5. Ability to contribute to self-support by business capacity or private income.

4. The Steward of the Superannuated Fund shall disburse all moneys couning

from the Superannuated Fund Society.

5. When the Committee shall have completed its report it shall be read to Conference twenty-four hours before final action thereon, during which objections to the report must be filed before the committee.

6. The Steward of the Superannuated Fund holds his office from the time of election until his successor is elected, and he is authorized to receive and dis-

tribute collections lifted for this fund at any time during the year.

7. The steward shall make a semi-annual distribution of the funds coming from the Superannuated Fund Society, provided the Treasurer of said Society can make a payment in the interim of Conference